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## Health fears resurface as president is taken ill at state banquet



Centre of attention: all the president's men rush to aid Mr Bush after he collapsed at the state banquet in Tokyo. After some minutes he struggled up insisting he felt good

# Bush fights on after Tokyo collapse

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO AND PETER STOTHARD IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Bush plans to carry on with his trade talks with Japanese leaders today, within hours of collapsing from gastric flu at a state banquet

Security guards and doctors rushed to the president's side last night after he vomited and slumped from his chair during a dinner hosted by Kiichi, Miyazawa, the Japanese prime minister. Mr Bush lay on the floor for some minutes, his head cradled in Mr Miyazawa's lap, before struggling to his feet and insisting that he felt good. "I just wanted to get a little attention," he told fellow guests as

he emerged, ashen-faced with mouth agape, from behind the pink tablecloth. A guard patted Mr Bush's dishevelled hair into place and the national security adviser, Brent Scowcroft, wrapped him in a coat before helping him to a limousine to take him off to bed.

Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman, said later that given Tigan, a drug to combat nausea, and was feeling fine. He would not attend a breakfast meeting with Japanese businessmen planned for today, but would continue with the rest of his schedule, including a full round of meetings,

a final summit with Mr Mivazawa. and a press conference. Mr Bush is due to fly home to Washington tomorrow after a 12-day, 26,000mile trade mission that has taken him to Australia, Singapore and South Korea as well as Japan.

The president's collapse was the second scare about his health in seven months and came on the day he renerated that only health problems would prevent him seeking a second term of office in November's election. Last May, he spent two days in hospital after suffering palpitations. The problem was later diagnosed as a thyroid condition known as Graves' Disease. Last

night. Mr Fitzwater insisted that the president's illness was not linked to that condition. He was suffering from a simple case of gastro-enteritis or intestinal flu and that there was no need for any special alarm. Mr Bush, who had played tennis earlier in the day, had complained of symptoms before the dinner, but decided to go

similar symptoms. in Washington, officials worked hard to give the impression of "business as usual" at the White House. Vice President Dan Quayle worked quitely in his office and

anyway. Members of his staff and

of the press corps had also reported

later set off for a pre-arranged campaigning trip to New Hampshire, where the first presidential primary is to be held on February 18. Mr Bush plans to visit the state next week.

Officials maintained that no special consideration had been given to the position of the vice-president, but the news from Tokyo again highlighted the significance of Mr Quayle to Mr Bush's chances of reelection. Although the vice-president's reputation has improved in recent months, opinion polls still show that he is a drag on the

Republican ticket. Mr Bush maintains a rigorous

fitness routine with the blessing of his doctors and has kept it up even during this punishing tour. Since leaving Washington on December 30, he has travelled 19,000 miles from an American winter, through an Australian summer, the sweltering equatorial humidity of Singapore, the frigid temperatures in Seoul and back to the cold of Japan. He has worked 16-hou days and attended official dinners ery night, often eating exotic Continued on page 18, col 8

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## Major gives job pledge to soften Ravenscraig blow

URGENT measures to cushion central Scotland's economy were announced by John Major last night in an attempt to limit the political damage from British Steel's decision to close the Ravenscraig steel complex near Glasgow. More than 1,200 jobs will be lost and steel production north of the border will be ended by the

As a political storm erupted in Scotland, with grave implications for the Conservatives, the prime minister announced that the government would seek approval from the European Commission to create an enterprise zone in Lanarkshire, where it is estimated that 15,500 jobs could be lost in local steel support industries. Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary, said that an additional £50 million would be injected into the area over ten years creating an extra 7.500 jobs. With the Tories holding

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BY KERRY GILL

parliamentary seats, Westminster sources disclosed that ministers were furious at British Steel's decision to bring forward the closure date and "desperately worried" at the political fail-out from the loss. of jobs within months of the next general election.

Neil Kinnock, the Labour

leader, said the government could not wash its hands of responsibility for the closure. The government cannot simply walk away from the steel company's decision, with all its very grave implications for Lanarkshire and for Scorland. They have respon-sibility for the recession and have done nothing to see that British Steel honours its undertakings about Ravenscraig," he said. Mr Kinnock

only nine of Scotland's 72 - added: "They must be prepared to deal with the consequences Lanarkshire faces. Their belated support for enterprise zone status is not enough in itself. Lanarkshire deserves better, and the in-

> for a secure future." Mr Major said the announcement had "removed the uncertainty" hanging over the area, where the workforce had lived with worry for a long time. The closure was a "matter of very great regret" and he had hoped Continued on page 18, col 3

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coming Labour government

will ensure that the area gets

the backing needed to build

## Sterling hits low

With the currency markets confusion by President Bush's collapse, pressure on sterling continued yes-terday. The currency closed down almost a pfennig at DM2.8395, its lowest close since June 1990. Stock markets in London and New York rallied as fears about President Bush's health receded...... Page 19 Stock market, page 22 Comment, page 23

## Georgia sabotage

The new government in Georgia faced sabotage by electricity workers and a rebellion by a provincial town yesterday. Police were said to have stopped Zviad Gamsakhurdia, the deposed president, from leaving his sanctuary in

## Yugoslav defence minister resigns

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN BELGRADE AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

YUGOSLAVIA's federal defence minister, General Vejlko Kadijevic, resigned vesterday. 24 hours after after the military acknowledged shooting down a European Community helicopter. killing five peace monitors.

Until a new minister is appointed, the post will be filled by the army chief of staff, General Blagoje Adzic, a hardliner who is thought to be responsible for masterminding the army's main attacks on the breakaway republic of Croatia.

The resignation came as the Community announced that it was suspending temporarily the operations of its monitors in the Yugoslav republic of Croatia after Tuesday's attack by federal air force planes. João Salgueiro.

head of the EC mission in the · Croatian capital, Zagreb, said yesterday that the 170strong team would seek guarantees of safety from the federal and Croatian sides that its members were not in danger before returning to work in the crisis areas.

The Italian defence minister, Virginio Rognoni, condemned the helicopter incident. in which four Italian servicemen died, as shameful and said that all the signs pointed to a deliberate attempt to wreck the Community's efforts to end the fighting.

In New York, the UN Security Council was due last night to approve a resolution Continued on page 18, col 1

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## Moscow deal clears way for British beef

By MICHAEL HORNSEY IN LONDON AND MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

BRITISH and Russian veterinary officials, meeting in Moscow, have resolved the dispute holding up the delivery of almost 2,000 tonnes of British beef, the

agriculture ministry said last night. The agreement appeared to have come only just in time to prevent further attempts by ravenous Russian soldiers to hijack for their own consumption the small amount so far let in. The beef is part of a £140 million package of Euro-

pean Community food aid. Last Saturday Russian veterinary officials refused to accept a planeload of 1 i8 tonnes when it arrived in Moscow because there was no documentary proof that the meat had come from farms that had been free of "mad cow disease", bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), for five years. Most of the beef was subsequently moved to cold circle, and is awaiting processing, but armed police had to be brought in when soldiers unloading the beef started stealing it when they realised it was not destined for them.

The government's chief veterinary officer, Keith Meldrum, accompanied by European Commission officials, flew to Moscow on Monday to persuade his Russian counterparts that their fears about the safety of British beef were groundless. That mission now appears to have been accomplished.

In a brief statement, the ministry said Mr Meldrum and the Russian deputy chief veterinary officer "have resolved the outstanding technical difficulties regarding the import into Russia of humanitarian beef from the United Kingdom under the European Community food aid programme. Shipments will be subject to detailed documentation covering production of the meat".

Earlier Yegor Gaidar, a Russian depu prime minister, had expressed optimism about the prospect for agreement and announced that a group of Russian veterinary officials would set off for Britain today to inspect conditions under which British beef is slaughtered and processed. The Russians appear to have agreed

to drop their demand for proof that the meat has come from BSE-free herds after being told of the measures taken in abattoirs in Britain to ensure that carcasses are stripped of all organs that might harbour the disease.

The Overseas Development Administration said last night: "There is still a bit of documentation to be sorted out. but that should not take more than a day or two. When that has been done the aid shipments can resume." Further beef will now be shipped from Hull.

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British Steel's decision to close giant works revives cynicism north of the border

## Ravenscraig dents election hopes for **Scots Tories**

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

close the giant Ravenscraig steelworks near Motherwell this autumn, with the loss of 1,200 jobs, has revived cynicism among Scots that the governing party "does not

We are not going to gain any seats in Lanarkshire anyway," Arthur Bell, chairman of the Scottish Tory reform group, said yesterday on hearing of the decision. That was hardly consolation for the nine Tory MPs north of the border, who must fight an election within six months.

It was hardly surprising to hear John Major leading ministers in expressing sorrow within minutes of the announcement. Since the loss of Kincardine and Deeside demoted the Tories to third place in Scotland, party strategists have had to face up to the scenario that sees them returned to power at the election but losing control of virtually all 72 Scottish seats.

Two cabinet ministers, Malcolm Rifkind and Ian Lang, will be defending ma-jorines of under 4,000. On the positive side are slight indications of a drift back to the Tories following the de-parture of Mrs Thatcher. Most of the Scottish Tory constituencies are far removed from smoky industrial belt of Lanarkshire. The nearest is Allan Stewart at Eastwood, one of the safest seats with a 6.014 majority.

Like George Younger and Mr Rifkind, Mr Lang as Sconish secretary has had to grapple with the consequences of the decision in 1988 to privatise British Steel as one unit. That made the future of the Scottish steel industry vulnerable.

The plant is a legacy of Harold Macmillan's regional policy 30 years ago to sustain employment in Scotland and Wales. Ironically. Mr Lang comes from a Clydeside family that made its money out of steel before turning to ships and then to marine insurance. The Scottish secretary worked in insurance for 17 years and was a member of Lloyd's before wresting Galloway from the Scottish Na-

**Further** 

tales of

the jury

By Frances GIBB

WHITEHALL office workers

were "press-ganged" into jury

service for the second day in

succession at a London crown

court yesterday because sum-

moned jurors failed to turn

A fresh batch of six jurors

was required by Judge

Edmonson who again used

the rare provision of "praying

a tales" under the Juries Act

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officials to go out into the

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the jury panel.

The rare procedure of

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used for 30 years. However,

an acute shortage of jurors is

afflicting some London

courts in the wake of the

Christmas break. The Lord

Chancellor's department said

that the problems were likely

to continue for the rest of the

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ster. On Tuesday the order

was carried out at trade and

Yesterday officials recruit-

BRITISH Steel's decision to . tionalists in 1979. The SNP needs a swing of 4.5 per cent

to regain the seat. Although his early reputation was as a dry "Thatcherite". Mr Lang has shown himself in the past year to be enough of a pragmatist to adopt the tone of the new administration and not to wash his hands of the indusny's decision. In common with his predecessor, he has also found Sir Robert Scholey, chairman of British Steel, hard to handle. Sir Robert made clear to the Commons trade and industry committee for five years that he had wanted to close Ravenscraig and had not visited the site since 1985. Nor was he keen for anyone else to take

industry minister, addressed the Commons in December 1987 he effectively sealed the fate of Ravenscraig. He talked of the need for Ravenscraig's mills until 1994 at least, but always hedged that commitment by inserting the words "subject to market conditions". Many a Scottish Tory must be wishing Sir Robert had a little more care for the Scottish scenario to have delayed his decision for another seven months.

When Kenneth Clarke, as

over the plant.

 British Steel said yesterday that current and forecast poor conditions for the national and international steel market meant there was no future for Ravenscraig beyond September (Philip Basset writes).

At a meeting on Monday between Sir Robert and Mr Lang, the company gave the government details of the findings of a lengthy review of British Steel's capacity for strip steel, which indicated clearly that Ravenscraig's role had to be ended.

British Steel, widely regarded as Europe's financially strongest steel producer, saw its profitability slashed last year from £307 million to £19 million and analysis forecast that the company is likely to make a loss over the year of as much as £100 million.

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Bleak future: John McMaster, a Ravenscraig crane operator, one of 1,220 who will lose their jobs, finishing his shift yesterday

## Steel plant's closure puts 15,000 support jobs at risk message of hope

CLOUDS of driving sleet all but obliterated the huge cooling towers of Ravenscraig as dawn broke over the steel works yesterday, an appropri-ate vision for the 1,220 employees who arrived to be told that the complex would be shut by early autumn.

After 30 years in which generations of families in Lanarkshire have depended on the once vast plant for their livelihood, the remaining employees tried to come terms with the task of finding new jobs, joining the dole queue or moving away to find work. It is estimated that the knock-on effect of the closure will see up to 15,500 people made redundant, as so many businesses have depended on the plant's presence for contract work.

Mark Kane ager works for his father in a plant hire firm that relies heavily on Ravenscraig. "Everyone is absolutely shanered," he said. "But I suppose we were expecting it. This will absolutely devastate the area. This was our main customer and, once this shuts, it will affect

Ravenscraig staff seem resigned to their fate, but the rest of Lanarkshire dreads the future, Kerry Gill reports

Anne Delaney, who tends a school crossing and chats to many of the workers, said: They are shattered and are in a state of shock today. I don't know what will happen to the area now. They might as well shut down the whole of Lanarkshire after this."

Few of the Ravenscraig workers felt much surprise, having lived and worked for years under the threat of closure. One said that the atmosphere in the plant over past months had been awful.

convener, said: "The whole world knew what was going to happen before the work force. That is an appalling situation, but everyone had become conditioned that this was going to come about. We will continue to operate the plant to the best of our ability until it shuts, because that is

what we are paid to do."
Willie Weir, a litter, said: "I'm extremely disappointed for the whole area, and for Scotland, that a big works like this should close down when it has been so success-

ful." Hugh McDonald, a contract worker, said: "We just feel terrible. This plant is finished and Scotland is One man who has the burden of finding new employment is lan Livingstone, chairman of Lanarkshire

Development Agency. "This is the worst start to 1992 I can imagine," he said after hearing the news. "I am bitterly dismayed that British Steel has reneged on its commitment that Ravenscraig would remain open until 1994. The people of Lanark-shire are entitled to feel resentment and anger at this betrayai.

Bill Miller. Strathclyde region's economic and industrial development chairman, said that prospects for the area were disastrous and the £50 million earmarked for regeneration would be nowhere near enough.

# Consett offers a

THE despair and hopelessness that overtook the workers at Ravenscraig and their families yesterday have been experienced before in the Co Durham town of Consett. Twelve years ago the huge

steel works that dominated both the landscape and the economy of Consett closed with the loss of 4,700 direct jobs and many others in dependent companies. When someone at the works scrawled the message: "Will the last one to leave please turn out the lights" the comment was seen as much as a prediction on the future of the town as on the works.

Consett became a byword for despair, with instant prophecies of its imminent demise as a community. The forecasts, however, proved to allowance for the resilience and skills of its people.

Since the steel work's closure the town has become a laboratory for regeneration projects which attracted £80 million of public sector funds and £50 million of private investment. The aim was to replace the jobs lost by at-

Peter Davenport tells how another former-steel town bounced back to defy the prophets' of doom

tracting a broad range of new industries. A task force of local authorities. British steel industry and central govern-ment developed a broad-based economy. In ten years 5,000 jobs were created and more than 100 new businesses established. Unemploy-ment, which peaked at 29 per cent, was cut to 10 per cent by September 1990, though it has crept back up to 14 per

The steel works has been nimed into a 700-acre green and industry. John Pearson, industrial officer with Derwentside council, said Consen's experience was a message of hope for the people of Ravenscraig. "It is within the people of Ravenscraig to ensure that any prophecies of doom are not fulfilled." he said.

## **Brothers** promise European a free run

The new proprietors of The European, the Barclay brothers, have promised that they will not interfere with the editorial independence of the ambitious weekly newspaper launched 18 months ago by the late Robert Maxwell (Me-

linda Wittstock writes). Charles Garside, the editor, said that the twins, David and Frederick Barday, had assured him that they would adopt a "hands-off" stance towards its political direction. middle-European line" despite the Barclays' allegiance

to the Conservative party.

Describing the difference between Mr Maxwell and the new owners as "chalk and cheese". Mr Garside said that the title's content would not change dramatically. The Barclay brothers believed in

"allowing the editorial staff to get on with it".

Mr Garside denied that the Barclays' 17 per cent stake in the umbrella company of Sir Tim Bell, Margaret Thatcher's favourite public relations man, represented any conflict of interest. The brothers, whose interests include shipping and hotels, are friends of Sir Tim, whose Lowe Bell Communications represents several Eastern European nations where The European is sold. "We may employ [Lowe Bell] too." Mr Garside said.

The European has not de-cided how many of the 145 employees made redundant last month by administrators of Robert Maxwell's private companies will be re-hired. It is operating on a staff of 60 paid by Mr Garside's own company. It is hoped that the paper will be highly profitable within three years.

#### 10.7% legal aid fee rise urged

The Law Society has told the Lord Chancellor that the large numbers of solicitors withdrawing from legal aid work was putting the scheme into a "spiral of decline" which must be urgently checked with a rise in legal aid pay rates.

In a clear hint that it would take Lord Mackay of Clashthe society said that unless he increased fee levels by at least statutory duty to provide enough solicitors to do legal

#### Doors open to foreign artists

Foreign artists are to be invited to exhibit in the Royal Academy's summer exhibi-tion, the showcase for British contemporary art, on the same basis as full Royal Academicians, Sir Roger de Grey, president of the acade-

my, announced yesterday.
The move is part of Sir
Roger's policy to change the shape of the summer exhibition. He wants to make it more accessible to the nonexpert, but also more of a draw for international dealers who could discover new artists through it.

### RAF Gulf death 'misadventure'

A verdict of misadventure was returned yesterday at the inquest on Flight Lieutenant Keith Collister of Hellesdon, Norfolk, who died instantly when his Jaguar aircraft crashed after hitting an 80ft ridge in the Saudi Arabian desert on November 13,

The accident happened during a low-level training sortie by six aircraft in tactical formation. The Swindon inquest was told that the pilot could not have seen the white ridge in the featureless ter-rain until two seconds before

#### Hospital return for Lineker son

Footballer Gary Lineker's three-month-old son George. who has leukaemia, is to return to the Hospital for Sick Street, on Friday for further

Courses of chemotherapy.

Doctors treating the baby wife Michelle to take their son from the hospital on New Year's day for a week with the family at their home in St John's Wood, northwest London.

Jonathan Barrett, a pilot and aviation lawyer with Clyde and Co, has asked us to make clear that he is not the Jonathan Barrett, also a pilot, referred to in our report (January 1) of Moroccan.

## Information technologists join ranks of City guilds

INFORMATION technologists yesterday took their place in line after the Mercers, Grocers, Drapers, Fishmongers, Goldsmiths, Haberdashers and other craft mysteries which constitute the worshipful livery companies of the City of London. As luck would have it the

Worshipful Company of Information Technologists. whose court held its first meeting as a livery company at Guildhall yesterday. ranks number 100, a happy chance for those accus-tomed to think in binary computer language, which recognises only 0s and 1s. The livery which the infor-

mation technologists have been granted is replete with symbolism. They will wear robes of green (for the globe) and gold (for conductivity) on ceremonial occasions. Their arms, designed to

embody the spirit of the company, have Mercury, god of communications. and Pegasus, who gave his name to the first computer. bearings also feature keys (of knowledge) and stars (to represent satellites). It has taken seven years for the information tech-

industry department offices in Victoria Street. Tales is the Latin plural for nologists to achieve livery talis, meaning such (or the like) persons from those status, but that is speedy by city standards, which destanding about. Its usage is mand a minimum of 100 freemen. £100,000 in the now restricted to summoning of jurors. A so-called tales charitable funds, and a man is a member of the tales track record of charitable impanelled to complete a and educational good works before they extend such recognition.
It could be said that the

information technologists places. One of their cofounders is Bernard Harty, chamberlain of the City of London, and a founder-freeman is the Lord Mayor. Sir Brian Jenkins.

Mr Harty, already a Tallow Chandler by invitation, is head of the city corpora-tion's information technol-



Michael Morrison, beadle of the Mercers

ogy strategy and application team, and Sir Brian, senior partner in Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, already a chartered accountant and a merchant taylor, is an acknowledged expert in com-puter auditing. Sir Brian said yesterday:

"The fact that information technologists, who are so vital to the modern city. should form a livery company demonstrates how up to date and relevant city traditions still are to leading

edge professions."
The information technologists have already mustered 316 freemen, Lord Weinstock, the chairman of GEC among them. Each has paid a joining "fine" of £250 into the company's

charitable trust and stumps up another £80 a year "quarterage" towards running expenses.

The livery companies are descended from craft guilds and trade associations which regulated medieval trade. The most ancient are the Weavers, founded as a guild in 1184, and the first in precedence the wealthy Mercers, to which Dick Whittington belonged. The Mercers have been giving the information technolo-

gists help and guidance. Astonishingly, perhaps, there is no City livery company for bankers, but the next in line after the information technologists are likely to be Water Conservators and Firefighters.

## **Ministers** end civil service deal

By Ross TIEMAN INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE government yesterday ended a 66-year-old arbitration agreement with Britain's 553.863 civil servants on the eve of talks designed to intro-duce performance-related pay throughout the civil

The Treasury also bypassed unions by writing directly to civil servants outlining ways in which it wants them to be rewarded for performance.

Civil service unions reacted by accusing the government of undermining the negotiations, which begin in earnest tomorrow. Peter Jones, secretary of the Council of Civil Service Unions, said that the agreement had "served the country well, and has been recognised as such by govern-ments of all persuasions for over half a century". The decision was, he said, "another example of the government's appalling attitude to the people who serve it".

Leslie Christie, general secretary of the National Union of Civil and Public Servants, accused the government of seeking to provoke a dispute with the unions ahead of a general election in an attempt to enhance its prospects at the

Two-thirds of civil servants are covered by pay agree-ments expiring on March 31. The rest have until July 31 to reach a new pay deal. The povernment is entering talks with both groups determined to marry this year's overall pay rise with the introduction of individual awards according to performance.

Ministers are also keen to end national bargaining. Managers of the new agencies - arm's-length operations set up to improve the cost-effectiveness of civil service units - are believed to have sold ministers they need power to negotiate pay in order to better control costs.

## Labour launches campaign to revive industry

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A BLUEPRINT for an investment-led long-term revival of British manufacturing was unveiled yesterday by Labour leaders as they sought to make industrial policy a central battleground at the com-

They argued that a new partnership was needed between government and firms to restore Britain to the first rank of the industrial powers and to prevent a return to the boom and bust policies of the

Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, said at a London press conference launching Made in Britain, a glossy campaign document detailing the Op-position's prescription for recovery: "The country is in the grip of recession and the government which caused it is in the grip of paralysis."
The Labour leader argued

that action had to be taken now to combat the slump and to lay the foundations for "sustained industrial and economic success". The Conservatives have at-

tacked Labour's approach as a return to the interventionist policies of the Sixties and Seventies that would strangle industry in red tape and subject it to politically-inspired meddling in commercial decisions. Gordon Brown, the Oppo-

sition's shadow industry sec-retary, insisted that Labour had learnt its lessons from past attempts to run business

The underlying political aim of Labour's campaign, to be carried forth at a series of regional launches over the next three weeks, is to dent the Tories' consistent opinion poll lead on economic competence.

Labour leaders accept that it is not enough for them to point to the damage done by the recession to win the argument. They also have to persuade the electorate that they have a convincing remedy for

the country's economic ills.
The key points of Labour's package for investment-led recovery, which would cost at least £1 billion, are: ☐ Bigger tax incentives for

manufacturing industry. First-year capital allowances would be increased from their current 25 per cent to possibly 40 per cent to encourage firms to bring forward invest-ment in plant and machinery and innovation and design. Costs in lost revenue arise after the first year of such a change because companies

☐ Tax incentives for individuals to invest in new and growing manufacturing com-

pay corporation tax in

The scheme would run for five years and be paid for by scrapping the £80 million business expansion scheme. ☐ Tax incentives for small and medium sized companies to encourage them to buy new equipment and computerise

machinery.

□ Tax incentives to encourage additional research and development by firms. Companies would be given an additional 25 per cent tax credit for extra R&D. ☐ An £800 million skills programme restoring cuts in

government training programmes, offering new work-place courses in high technology and computing and work experience. ☐ Regional development agencies in England to act as 'powerhouses" of regeneration and to coordinate indus-

trial, regional and environmental policies. ☐ A "great green exhibition" to provide a platform for new environmental technologies.

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## Nanny jailed for breaking skulls of newborn babies

A NANNY who attacked two newborn babies in her care, fracturing their skulls, was jailed yesterday for 15 months. Carol Withers, aged 28, injured the babies. in separate incidents within days of their birth. Two psychiatrists reports failed to establish why she did it.

Withers, of Lydney, Gloucestershire, was found guilty last November at Wood Green crown court in London of inflicting grievous bedily harm on Simon Hogar, aged three weeks, and Jade Ferrari, 25 days old. She was accused of frac-turing the skulls of each of the babies with a single sharp blow behind the left

The children recovered, but the court heard that Simon might have died if he had not had an operation torelieve pressure from fluid

The nanny, then called. Carol Prowling as she has since married, told the parents that Simon, injured in October 1989, had rolled on to toy keys left in his cot. She said that Jade, who was hurt two months later, had fallen on to a carpeted floor. Home Office pathologist. showed however, that the

babies had been victims of a single, forceful blow to identical parts of their skulls which left injuries that could not possibly have been caused by simple domestic accidents

Although the babies recovered fully from their injuries after specialist treatment. the sensitive nature of their injuries means that doctors will have to monitor their progress into adult life.
Withers was remanded

until yesterday for medical. psychiatric and social reports. Looking pale, drawn and near to tears, she was comforted by her husband Nigel Withers, an agricultural salesman, and her father John Powling, the head of the country's largest agricultural seed business, before she was sentenced. John Coffey, for Withers, asked the judge not to send her to prison, arguing that

the attacks were irrational and could have brought her no satisfaction and that she had been devastated by the Judge Roger Cooke said

there was no evidence of case. A psychiatrist's report Studies by Iain West, a showed that Withers was not suffering from any mental illness or abnormality. The

Last night Kevin McMeel, Withers' solicitor, said that Withers's family was distressed at the sentence and was considering an appeal.
The Federation of Employment Services will today consider fürther recommendations to its members who

emper," Mr Ferrari said.

nocent families."

judge said: "He said there is something strange but he cannot go any further. In this case no one has ever been able to say what hap-pened precisely when the children were injured."
The judge told Withers: There can never be justification for an attack on a helpless baby." He said Withers had been left in sole charge of the babies and was in a position of trust. "The offence carries a strong element of public outrage. Shock and anguish was brought on those wholly in-The sentence was welcorned by Erica Ferrari, who said outside court that she could not forgive Withers, who had told her that she attended a course at Chilfern Nursing College but had held back the fact that she did not qualify.

Mrs Ferrari said: "Withers lied her way into our home and nearly killed our baby after putting herself in a position of trust. We feel a custodial sentence is appro-priate." She and her husband Tony, a computer firm manager, said they were relieved the case was over. "We do not believe the attack on Jade was premeditated but she must just have lost her

Attacker: Carol Withers on her wedding day. She tried to cover up assaults

## Concerns of parents highlighted

WITHERS got her job with the Ferraris through word of mouth (Peter Victor writes). She was the daughter of a millionaire, privately educated in England and Switzerland and brought up on a large farm ajoining the Queen's Sandringham estate. She made such a good impression as "an upper class girl" at her interview that her references were not checked. The case highlights some of the problems

for parents seeking child care.
No formal qualifications are required to become a nanny and there is no national register. Withers's case is not the only one to have caused concern.

Wendy Payne, a teenage nanny hired through a reputable agency, was put on probation for three years and ordered to undergo psychiatric treatment after she was convicted of holding a toddler's head under water and tripping her up. Another abandoned a three-month-old girl in an empty house after ransacking it for jewellery, clothes and cash. A male nanny was jailed for life for sexually assaulting children in his care.

Qualified nannies are relatively rare. and expensive. One survey found that women hiring a live-out nanny would have to earn at least £16,000 a year to cover the cost. The premier nursery

nursing qualification in England. Wales and Northern Ireland is a diploma from the National Nursery Examination Board (NNEB). About 260 twoyear, full-time courses are run each year and since its inception in 1945 some 130,000 trainees have qualified.

Jane Harris-Matthews, the NNEB's assistant director, said the lack of a formal registration scheme for nannies causes enormous concern. "The NNEB is concerned that without government legislation to provide for some form of regulation for child care workers in general, it would be very difficult to set one up on our own.

## Medical wards urged to cut beds by third

By Jeremy Laurancs HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE national health service should close 27,000 medical beds - a third of the total and equivalent to 50 large hospitals - and switch resources saved into community services, the Audit Commission says today.

In a report running counter to campaigns of the past decade against bed closures, the commission says that the beds could be closed without reducing the number of patients treated if all hospitals were as efficient as the best. By investing more in community services, patient care would be improved.

The commission, an independent body, says that the number of hospital beds is "no longer a useful measure of the quality or quantity of the health care delivered". Developments in primary care and advances in medical technology have reduced the bed's importance.

Since 1974, the number of NHS beds has fallen by almost a quarter and the number of in-patients treated has risen by a similar proportion. There is plenty more scope for that to change." Howard Davies, director of the commission, said. Denmark had 20 per cent fewer beds per 1,000 patients, he said.

The report, on use of medical - not surgical - beds in 100 hospitals, says that if all health districts were as efficient as the best 25 per cent "the present level of activity in medicine [could be] provided with 58,000 beds rather than the 85,000 currently in use". Differences between hospital arise from rates at which GPs refer patients in an emerg-ency, how they are admitted, how long they stay, how they are discharged and availability of community services.

Comparable patients stay in hospital twice as long in some districts as in others, often because of differences in clinical judgment, the com-mission found. "Ranges that large on a district basis are concealing wider variations among individual consultants and must be examined," Mr Davies said.

However, only 52 per cent of in-patients need a doctor's attention. The rest are awaiting discharge or need only nursing care. "When you ask why the patients who should be out are not out, the answer is the lack of community support," Mr Davies said.

THE government's £10 million reading recovery scheme was launched yesterday by

Tim Eggar, the education minister, who said that it will help about 15,000 six-yearolds over three years. The grant is part of £20

and homes.

The £154,800 given to North Tyneside in the first year, for example, would be concentrated on the reading recovery scheme in primary schools on the Meadowell esrate, the site of disturbances last year, Mr Eggar said. There is a degree of alienation towards any kind of authority on the estate," he said, "but it is less evident in the primary schools. It was felt that one way we could improve parental contribution would be to concentrate on involving them in the primary schools."

Mr Eggar said that the scheme was required because, according to this year's tests on seven-yearolds, more than a quarter were unable to read. The scheme, developed in New Zealand, was one of the most successful in the world, he said, and would have a knock-

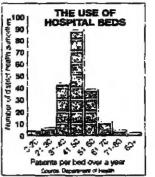
The ner cost would be reduced if the scheme was successful, as it would no longer be necessary to teach older children and adults to read.

Children who are not making any progress by the time they are six will be taken out of the classroom and given daily half-hour reading lessons. The maximum course is for 20 weeks, but many pupils reach the average reading ability for their age within 12

medical beds to surgical use, instead of closing them. would have little impact on waiting lists. "The availability of beds is only part of the problem of waiting lists," he said. "In many places there is a shortage of surgeons, operating theatres or funds." · A guide for women in the

NHS launched by Virginia Bottomley, the health minister, sets out eight goals to be achieved by 1994, including increasing the number of women consultants and managers (Alison Roberts writes). Women in the NHS, a guide to the Opportunity 2000 campaign, discusses plans to ensure that women who take work "of a similar status" and to start retention schemes to stem the flow of nurses from the profession.

Lying in wait: the use of medical beds in acute hospitals (Published by the Audit Commission. Stationery Office. (9.50)



Patient turnover: the number treated per bed

## Boom time for a broom cupboard

BY RACHEL KELLY

TINY is proving beautiful in today's depressed property market. The sale of broom cupboards is booming, the only type of residential property where demand now ex-

ceeds supply.

Once the butt of estate agents' jokes, broom cupboards could now be their saviour. "We have eight buyers waiting for the right broom cupboard to come up." Tom Trudgian, from the agency Stern Studios, said. "It is the only type of property for which we have a waiting lies."

Prices in London average £20,000-30,000, and in a provincial town £12.000 to £19.000, for a ten foot by six foot box usually perched on a land-ing of a Victorian house where once there was a

Purpose-built flats often have broom cup-boards which are worthier of the name. They were once the washrooms on each floor where off-duty servants could smoke their Woodbines and store their brooms. Prices for both varieties are ex-pected to rise by 5 per cent this year.

The increase reflects a surge in demand in the wake of British Rails fare increases. "As rail fares and commuting costs bereliable, broom cupboards are experiencing a surge in popularity," Mr Trudgian said.

There is also a limited supply as it is impossible to get planning permission for new broom cupboards because they are judged too small for health and safety regulations.

Mr Trudgian has six cupboards in central London on his books. One client recently bought a 9ft by 9ft cupboard in Wimbledon, with shower and lavatory but no kitchen.

A cupboard is not, however, a place to call home: just a place to lay one's head rather than commute. And it could mean a parking space and a swanky address. Cupboard lovers have not forgotten the £36,000 paid four years ago for a broom cupboard opposite Har-

## Coroner accused at inquest

By FRANCES GEBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A QC accused a coroner yesterday of an apparent conflict of interest when presiding over an inquest into the death of a climbing instructor.

Alun Jones, QC, told a new inquest into the death of Jeremy Turner, who died in a cliff fall while teaching abseiling, that Peter Brunton had opened the first inquest when he also represented the dead climber's employers. Mr Jones said that the file

was handed to the neighbouring Merioneth coroner, Don-ald Jones, who held a full inquest at Dolgellau. But he claimed that evidence was suppressed and withheld. The QC said that evidence which pointed to Mr Turner's being responsible for his own death when he fell 80ft from a cliff at a disused quarry in Tywyn, Gwynedd, was allowed to go forward.

The new inquest is being held after Jeremy's father, Geoffrey Turner, a retired deputy magistrates' clerk of Fartown, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, successfully challenged the original verdict of misadventure last September. The high court ordered a fresh inquest because the Merioneth coroner had sat without a jury.

Mr Brunton, who is at the inquest to represent the employers, Celmi Experience, replied to the QC's allegations in the absence of the jury.

Witnesses told the inquest. which is expected to last three days, of the ability and professionalism of Mr Turner, of Denbigh, Clywd, who had a degree in sports administration and management and was an experienced climber. Peter Bailey, a company director of Chorleywood, Hertfordshire, said: "He seemed to slip...and toppled towards the diff edge. As he went over I realised the safety rope

## Statistical snapshot

## Britain goes out to cinema but stays home to shop

BY RAY CLANCY

IF YOU use unleaded petrol. buy your clothes by mail order and go to the cinema. you are a trendsetter, according to the latest statistical picture of life in Britain pub-lished by the government today.

Victims: Simon Hogan, left, and Jade Ferrari

Britain 1992, the 43rd handbook from the Central Office of Information, shows that almost half of petrol sales are unleaded, cinema admissions have risen by 84 per cent since 1984 and almost 20 million people buy goods by mail order compared with 16 million in 1981.

According to preliminary

results from the April 1991 census, the population is 55.5 million, putting Britain 17th in world ranking. It is pre-

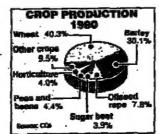
dicted that the population will reach 60 million in 2011. Factors changing life most are a declining birth rate. greater life expectancy, high-er divorce rate and wider educational opportunities. Families are smaller, with 21 per cent of households consisting of a couple with one or two children and 4 per cent including three or more children. The death rate has remained around 12 per 1,000 for the past 40 years.

## Organic farming on the increase

THE amount of agricultural land in Britain has been declining, but the loss has slowed in recent years and organic farming is receiving support (Ray Clancy writes).

The government figures show that, in 1990, there were just under 12 million hectares of crop and grassland in Britain, with 237,000 farm holdings of which 63 per cent in England, Scotland and Wales were owneroccupied. Virtually all farms in Northern Ireland are

owned rather than tenanted. . There were 566,000 people working in agriculture, and labour productivity has increased by 72 per cent since 1979. Over half of full-time farmers have dairy or beef cattle, with the average dairy herd numbering 63 and each cow producing, on average, 5,137 litres of milk a year. Wheat was the biggest crop, followed by barley. Movements in agriculture



indicate more support for organic farming, mainly as a result of consumer demand. The government aims to establish a framework in which organic farming in Britain can respond to consumer demand." Britain 1992

Agriculture in the 1990s is expected to be linked with caring for the environment. "Agriculture ministers have a general duty to seek to achieve a reasonable balance between the needs of an efficient and stable agricultural industry and other interests in the countryside."

eases, including heart attacks and strokes. Cancer is the next largest killer, responsible for almost a quarter of deaths, and smoking is the greatest preventable cause of illness and death. From 1984 to 1988 almost a million people went to live abroad and a similar number came here from overseas.

Almost half of deaths are

caused by circulatory dis-

Australia, Canada and New Zealand were the most popular destination for the 205,000 who left in 1989. Twenty seven per cent headed there, 16 per cent to other Commonwealth countries, 22 per cent to Europe, 15 per cent to the United States, 6 per cent to the Middle East and 3 per cent to South

A large proportion of people, 66 per cent, own their homes. The most important influence on the planning of housing and services has been the growth of car ownership, according to the report. It says that urban depriva-

tion remains a problem. The government spends £4,000 million a year in inner city areas, but the report adds that regeneration depends upon "the commitment of all those with an interest in the well-being of an area". Programmes have concentrated on central Scotland, the Midlands and inner London, the areas most in need.

The report lists an impressive number of urban projects and paints an optimistic picture for the future as successful progammes continue. For example, a further four "safer cities" projects are expected to join the 17 already helping communities to counteract

Britain 1992: An Official Handbook (Stationery Office, £17.95)

## **Graduates** scramble for jobs

By JOHN O'LEARY HIGHER EDUCATION

THIS year's graduates face an even tougher scramble for jobs than their predecessors, many of whom are still out of work, employers and careers advisers reported yesterday.

The recession has cut graduate openings by a third in a

dustry have almost halved in two years. An optimistic forecast of 4 per cent more jobs in 1992 will be swallowed up by 6.3 per cent more graduates. The three organisations behind the annual assessment of graduate employment prospects see little chance of an early boom even if eco-

nomic conditions improve.

year, while vacancies in in-

Employers' long-term recruitment plans are now geared to quality, rather than quantity, and executive turnover is low The organisations behind the survey, the Association of Graduate Recruiters, the Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services and the Central Services Unit, are advising students to widen

their search for work and target applications carefully. Tom Frank, deputy head of Birmingham University careers service, who chairs the Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services, said concern about the lack of good jobs was adding to the worries of students in debt.

> 1991 GRADUATE RECRUITMENT

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Personnel	160	5
Sales/marketing	782	11
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Construction	488	8
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Auditing	91	9
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## Reading scheme 'will aid 15,000'

BY DAVID TYTLER, EDUCATION EDITOR

ing 60 per cent of the scheme, with the remainder coming from local authorities. Mr Eggar said that it was being restricted in the first year not by financial constraints but by the number of qualified people available to train teachers in the programme. Five New Zealand experts will be sent to London Universi-

million allocated to 28 local education authorities in the campaign to raise standards in inner city schools, covering projects to deal with muancy. numeracy, technology, and schools' links with businesses

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Sir Peter Newsam, director

of the institute, said that there

was no doubt that the major-

train teachers.

Eggar: hopes plan will have a knock-on effect

background, provided that they were given the right help. It was important, however, to ensure that the improvement continued, and this could only be done if the classroom teacher was involved in the scheme.

Sir Peter said that some research in New Zealand had shown that the improvement had not been maintained when children had returned to classes where they were given reading below their new-found ability.

Jack Straw, Labour's education spokesman, said: "The announcement confirms the government's apalling complacency on reading. At best, just 5,000 pupils a year can benefit from this allocation, but tens of thousands of child-The government is financ- ren need reading recovery."

Mike Jarvis, of Barnard Marcus, confirms the demand in broom cupboards. "Interest is high at the moment," he said. "Cupboards are definitely

# Spy-in-the-phone traces obscene callers within seconds



Patten: many of the

and malicious phone calls was launched vesterday in an operation including the police and a

telephone company.

The Home Office hopes that the tracing service offered to more than 170.000 subscribers to Hull's municipally owned tele-phone system will be adopted

An estimated 25 million obscene calls are made in Britain, including 10,000 in the Hull area. each year. It is hoped that the Hull service, provided by Kingston Communications will speed the capture of persistent offenders and deter others planning similar calls. The victims are mainly women aged under 50. Launching the The heavy breathing brigade may soon find that the police have got their number - and their address. Richard Ford reports

scheme, part of the Home Office's safer cities initiative, John Patten. a minister of state, said: "This tracing facility offers a unique opportunity and service to the people of Hull to deal with this particularly disgusting nuisance. Malicious, violent and sexually obscene calls are disgraceful. Very often many of the people who make them are warped and some need psychiatric treatment."

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Until recently telephone tracing was expensive and time-consuming but technological advances have changed that. The Hull service uses a System X all-digital system which provides software enabling the firm to trace persistent malicious callers.

During the call, victims tap in a code number. Within seconds this activates an alarm at the company's network maintenance centre which produces a print-out of the telephone number and address from which the call has been made. The information is then passed to Humberside police. Anyone found guilty of making an obscene call faces a maximum fine of £400. The service only becomes

operational after a person has contacted Kingston Communications after receiving an initial call but police say that it should still assist in reducing malicious calls as many victims receive more than

Bob Spencer, project co-ordina-tor of Hull Safer Cities, said that many obscene calls originated locally and involved people who knew the victim. "We hope this service will act as a deterrent as too many people have not reported obscene calls because they believe little can be done and in the past those making calls have known there is little risk of detection. Now they risk humiliation of police

enquiries at home and work. A telephone survey among 710 found that 10 per cent in Hull and 9.2 per cent in Bristol had received an obscene phone call in the 12 months until April 1991 and that the number of calls per victim averaged 2.7 in Bristol and 3.7 in Hull. Professor Ken Pease of Manchester University, who carried out the survey, said that the similarity of rates of victimisation throughout the 1980s showed little evidence that the development of pornographic telephone lines during the 1980s had reduced the

The research showed that those under 50 were 50 per cent more likely to receive calls than those over 50 and that there had been

number of calls individuals

for those under 30, three for those between 30 and 70 and 1.7 for those over 70.

Thirteen per cent of those questioned in the survey thought that the caller knew their movements and 18 per cent believed the perpetrator knew them personally. Mr Pease said: This is because, by common consent, the maker of such calls is seeking an aid to masturbation. If a caller has an image of the victim to call to mind. the aid will be more powerful."

The Home Office hopes that BT and Mercury will be able to offer a similar service by the middle of the decade. BT cannot introduce a full service because only 50 per cent of its system is digital

## Squabble sabotages tussle for tourists

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

THE American travel industry last night launched a drive to attract European visitors while Brussels officials argued over money for a coun-ter-attack. For almost a year tourism leaders throughout the European Community have been pressing the Commission to release funds for a campaign to attract US visitors. The first phase should have begun last autumn.

The industry argued that with the Columbus celebrations, the Olympics in France and Spain and the World Expo in Seville, 1992 was the year to win back the Americans. However. Commission officials could not agree how to share 750,000 ecus, about £500,000, put aside for a promotional budget. The European Travel Commission has had to abandon hopes of launching a campaign before

The Americans have had no such problems and President Bush has agreed to appear in commercials which begin on British television next Monday at a cost of \$3 million. Europeans are already giving a significant boost to America's tourist industry, which has suffered from a drop in domestic holiday-makers. The number of Europeans visiting the United States rose to 7.17 million last year, a 7 per cent increase on the previous 12 months. British visitors increased by 5 per cent to 2.24 million and spent \$5.3 billion, a tenth of foreign spending in the US.

The number of Americans visiting Europe fell from 7.5 million in 1990 to 6.4 million last year. Michael Medlicott. chief executive of the British Tourist Authority (BTA) and Britain's representative on the European Travel Commission, said: "It is vital that we try to persuade the Americans to come back in greater numbers. They tend to come out of season, and for Britain represent 20 per cent of mon-

ey spent by foreign visitors." Britain hopes to increase the amount spent on promoting it in America this year by shifting resources within the BTA budget. It will still be less than almost any other country wooing US tourists. The BTA has declined one suggestion from Brussels. that President Bush's message be countered by one from the European Commission's president, Jacques Delors.

## Jail's staff took 4,200 sick days in one year

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

sponsible for them."

STAFF at a Kent prison had more than 4,000 days' sick leave in 12 months, according to a report which is critical of their attitude and the conditions for inmates.

High levels of sick leave were found among senior and other officers at Canterbury prison, which was found to be dirty and overcrowded during a visit by the chief inspector of prisons.

Judge Stephen Turnim says in his report that sickness levels at the jail resulted in 4,200 days being lost in the 12 months to March last year. "This was the equivalent of more than five working weeks for each of the 158 unified grades. There is a need for the high sickness level to be investigated and ways found to reduce it."

The report adds that Fresh Start, the shake-up in working practices designed to reduce overtime, had been introduced in name only and that much staff time was wasted with groups of officers chatting while ignoring prisoners. It criticises staff for distancing themselves from prisoners and says that the prison lacked a rapport between inmates and staff.

The report criticises the reproviding training for prisoners, whose only occupation was sewing, especially handstitching mailbags. Other tasks included making tea towels, hotplate cloths and face cloths, which prisoners found boring and was of little value in preparing them for

The inspectors found that all three wings of the jail, which housed 349 inmates, were dirty, untidy and in need of decoration. "There is a lack of hygiene. We found dirty areas throughout the prison. a lack of expectation by staff and inmates.

in a unit for vulnerable prisoners, cells were so ciuttered that security checks could have been only superficial and the condition of some cells led Judge Tumim to suspect that the staff had not checked them or were not interested in improving



Musical chairs: Aline Brewer packing up her harp for the start of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra's European Community tour, which begins in Luxembourg tomorrow and will include all EC capitals

## **Institute of British Geographers**

## If you've got to go to court go to Merthyr Tydfil

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

MERCY is a highly variable quality in Britain's crown courts, a pioneering study has

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officers and that recent fig-

ures indicated that the situa-

HM Prison Canterbury. Report by HM Chief Inspector of Prisons. (Home Office, £1.50)

tion was improving

Some courts are consistently tougher than others, both in the proportion of defendants they convict and in the sentences meted out. Merthyr Tydfil, Sheffield and Doncaster are among the best places to stand trial, with high acquittal rates: Taunton, Dorchester and Bournemouth

among the worst. Similar wide differences in sentencing exist between courts, Paul Robertshaw, of Cardiff Law School, told the Institute of British Geographers conference in Swansea

twice as great a risk of being sent to prison as does a simi-lar defendant in a court in another part of the country. There is no clear link, however, between high acquittal rates and low sentences.

These differences are not random variations but form a consistent pattern, Dr Robertshaw said. "The 'soft' courts stay that way, as do the hard'," he said. He has established a clear link between soft judges and soft juries, showing that in courts where juries have a high tendency to acquit, judges often pre-empt them and save court time by

"Judges who throw lots of cases out are in courts with juries who do the same, and vice versa." Dr Robertshaw said. His figures come from a four-year study of 62 crown courts in England and Wales, excluding London and the South-East. They showed, he said, that the variations in crown courts were as striking as those in magistrates courts, where widely differing sentences were imposed for identical offences. The offences he studied excluded the most serious, including

In jury trials where the defendant has been bailed and pleads not guilty, the acquit-tal rates range from a low of 16 per cent to a high of 50 per cent. Juries in Somerset, Dor-set. Hampshire, Wiltshire Berkshire, Warwick, Worces-ter, Hereford, West Mercia and South Staffordshire typically acquit 20 per cent or less of such defendants.

rape and murder.

However, juries in Lincoln-shire, South and West York-shire. Lancashire, Mersey-side, North Staffordshire and Devon typically acquit 40 per

A similar pattern is found for judges, who acquit more defendants than do juries. Judges are less likely to direct an acquittal in North Wales, Cheshire, Shropshire, Worcester and Hereford and North Warwickshire than they are in Yorkshire and Humberside. Nottingham, Lincolnshire, South East Wales and Devon and

Dr Robertshaw urged the

judges and juries.

Il Shopping centres will have to provide entertainment and leisure as well as shops if they are to overcome growing use them, Peter Newby of Middlesex Polytechnic told the conference.

Shopping had become more and more predictable. with identical shopping centres containing identical shops in many British town,

## Robots grill MPs in TV dungeon

In a Nineties form of the Star Chamber, a politician is shut in with cameras and computerised interrogators. Melinda Wittstock takes a peep

THE Star Chamber has, like Dr Who, evolved into a third embodiment. From a medieval tribunal, via the Margaret Thatcher committee where ministers defended pleas for Treasury funds, it has taken on a truly Nineties form: interrogation by robots in the cause of popular enter-

tainment. Under Henry VIII, vic-tims of the Star Chamber might be sentenced to whippings and brandings. Fortunately, nothing worse than embarrassment awaits the politicians who submit to a pre-election grilling on Channel 4's The Star Chamber. Chris Patten, Roy Hattersley, Paddy Ashdown, William Waldenstern Mayers Royaletters grave, Margaret Beckett and Bryan Gould are among those who have volunteered for computerised interrogation for Sunday evening broadcasts which will begin on March 1.

In a development of the programme Star Test.

Beckett: faces questions political and personal

which questioned celebrities, the volunteer is left alone for an hour inside a dungeon-like set based on original drawings of the medieval court. One autocue, programmed with a sexy female voice, will elicit replies to numbered questions chosen blindly by the politician, while a sec-ond, much tougher "male"

camera robot will circle

round the victim, asking supplementary questions when it detects a waffle

here or a dodge there.

If one of the interrogating autocues catches the politician in a fib, it will automatically present its subject with "some evidential film to the contrary". perhaps a previous speech.

The politicians we have signed up are certainly quite courageous," Keith MacMillan, the executive producer of The Star Chamber, said. The ques-tions, carefully phrased to elicit the most interesting answers, rattle most people." He has ap-proached John Major and Neil Kinnock to appear on the programme. Although neither has yet responded, Mr MacMillan is confident that they will agree to par-ticipate closer to the date of the general election.

More than 500 questions in the computer's memory bank range from hard politics to personal trivia.

Those in the chamber seal their fate by choosing a series of numbers in six categories which are translated into cureties. nto questions. The categointo questions. The categories are brain and brawn, health and wealth, green and plenty, war and peace, house and home, and crime and passion. Questions specific to the individual are hidden in the computer. One politician might get a question specifically related to his policies, while another might get a personal question about his past," Mr MacMillan, who set up Star Test two years ago. Star Test two years ago,

The questions include "What was your first sexual experience?" The Star Chamber's first victim. Chris Patten, who has al-ready been filmed, bravely tackled that one: but the programme makers are keeping his answer under

## Lockerbie bomb fund closes at £2.2m

Almost £2.2 million was donated to the Lockerbie air disaster fund and £374,477 was earned in interest, all of which was distributed, the final report of the nine trust-

The biggest sum paid was £894,175 to American relatives, followed by £456, 175 to Lockerbie households. British relatives were given £162,570 and other nationalities received £22,078.

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The fund was set up after the airline bombing in December 1988, which killed all 259 on board and II locals. Lockerbie groups received £350,000 and £115,224 was spent on three memorials in Lockerbie and one to be built in America with 270 stones shipped from Dumfriesshire —one for each who died. The trustees said: "The number and size of donations show that the goodness in mankind outweighs the evil of those who caused the disaster."

#### Consultant is charged

Nigel Cox, a hospital consultant, was yesterday accused of the attempted murder of an elderly woman patient. The charge follows a police investigation into the death of Lilian, Boyes at the Royal Hampshire county hospital

on August 16 last year. Mr Cox, aged 46, of Colden Common, near Winchester, Hampshire, was given un-conditional bail at the hearing at Winchester magis-trates' court, which was adjourned until January 27.

## Scout rewarded

John Hayward, aged 20, of Emsworth, Hampshire, who was born with one arm and was born with one arm and no legs, and who uses artificial limbs, has won the Queen's scout award after learning to ski and climb mountains.

### £33m meat fire

A £33 million store of frozen EC intervention beef and other meat products was de-stroyed in a fire at the United Meat Packers plant in Co Roscommon, in the Irish Republic, yesterday. Police said arson was not suspected.

### Officer rallies

Sergeant Alan Jones, who was shot in Paddington, west London, on December 19, has left intensive care, Scotland Yard said yesterday.

## Carer jailed

Craig Williamson, aged 27, a care worker of Sinfin, Derbyshire, was jailed for three and a half years by Derby crown court yesterday for sexually assaulting a mentally handi-capped woman aged 25 in a Mencap home in Derby.

### Guillemot dies

A guillemot nursed back to health by the RSPCA centre at West Hatch, near Taun-ton, Somerset, after an oil spill in 1985, and which survived for what is believed to be a record six years in the wild after its release, has been found dead after another oil spill on the south coast.

### Rescue hope

A Royal Navy Sea King helicopter with a sling will tomorrow try to rescue a cow which has been trapped for more than a week at the foot of a cliff on the Inner Hebri-dean island of Colonsay. The cow gave birth to a calf which died because rescuers could not reach the remote spot.

### Slow coaches

A 100ft locomotive which blocked Exeter city centre yesterday after the low loader on which it was travelling broke down, is likely to remain there for four days until

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## throwing out cases. yesterday. A defendant plead-ing guilty in some courts runs Global warming

'nonsense' attacked

GREAT harm has been done by "global warming scaremongers" who have focused attention on climatic change at the expense of other environmental issues, the confer-

ence was told. David Bowen. of the Institute of Earth Sciences at the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, said that the models used to predict cli-mate change had not been validated and that the record of the past century showed no clear signals of global warming or of a rise in sea levels. We hear silly predictions that eastern England will be under 15 metres of water," he said. "It's nonsense. The data is not even good enough to tell us whether sea levels are ris-

He regretted that global

warming had ever been iden-

tified as a key issue; far more

important, he said, was pollu-

tion of the atmosphere.

oceans, rivers and country-

side, destruction of the ozone

layer and the loss of diversity among living systems. The

main cause of changes in the climate, he said, was shifts in the circulation of the oceans. particularly the Atlantic. Martin Parry, of the environmental change unit at Ox-

ford University, outlined the possible winners and losers in Europe if climatic change did occur. At the presently accepted rate of warming of 0.3° celsius per decade, the limit for growing crops such as sweetcorn and soya would move north at about 100km a decade, he said. Within a generation, the wine grapes of Alsace and the Loire would grow around Birmingham. The odds were that, while the north would benefit from higher temperatures, the

of water may face increased costs and consider relocating in more northern locations, Energy costs would also fayour the north, as heating would become cheaper, while air conditioning in the south

became more expensive.

south would suffer from even

ower rainfall. "Heavy users

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COMPANY mergers can damage the mental health of employees and are akin to bereavement in their impact, a conference on occupational psychology was told

Researchers found that many of the middle manage-ment of two building societies that merged had symptoms as severe as those of mental hospital outpatients. They suffered from anxiety, depression, obsessions and a form of hysteria, the conference, organised in Liverpool by the British Psychological Society. was told.

The 1980s was the decade of mega-mergers. Sue Cartwright, of the organisational psychology department at University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, said. "The Thatcher years saw a political climate

Thomson Prentice reports that mergers can hit as hard as a bereavement

that promoted the enterprise culture or, as some saw it, the greed culture and a chance to get rich quickly," she said. "But about half the mergers in Britain failed to live up to their financial promise and the effects on those individuals involved have received little attention."

Other studies showed that mergers were linked with lowered morale, job dissatisfaction, unproductive behaviour, sabotage and petty theft, and worsening accident and strike rates. In some cases, 75 per cent of executives quit within three years of a take-over or merger. "We find that, for many people in midproduces a profound sense of loss or bereavement. It is the death of the organisation as its workforce knows it," Dr Cartwright said.

The names of the building societies in the study were not disclosed, but involved more than 5.500 employees in Britain. Thirty branches were closed and many managers had to move home. "These individuals suffered

most," Dr Cartwright said. They were remote from the top and so did not have a full understanding of the reasons for the merger. They were trying to allay the fears of those below them while themselves being most at risk of losing their jobs." Although there were no official redundancies, there was a spate of voluntary resignations after the merger.

The study of 157 of the executives, mostly men in their thirties, showed that, in the year after the merger, one in five displayed serious mental symptoms such as those found in psychiatric outpa-tients. Work overload was a leading source of stress, with many of the managers drinking and smoking more heavi-ly. Many considered that their families had suffered more than themselves.

"The popular concept of a merger is that two plus two makes five; but the reality of those that fail is that two plus two only add up to three," Dr Cartwright said.

Mergers damage Howard engineers an egalitarian future



Top flight: Sally Ockwell-Page, a computer systems manager in the RAF, with her award yesterday

employment secretary. presented a women's engineering award yesterday and then told the prize-giving ceremony that he wished the award did not exist, because Britain should be a society in which women engi-

neers were not unusual. "We have a long way to go before we reach that stage, because the image of engineering has not caught up with the reality. and the industry is still seen as male-dominated." Mr Howard said after presenting the young woman engineer of the year award to Sally Ockwell-Page, aged 26. an RAF officer, for her work as computer systems manager at RAF

Wyton, near Huntingdon. Flight Lieutenant Ockwell-Page, of Temps-ford, Bedfordshire, ag-reed with Mr Howard, and said that schoolgirls should be badgered into becoming engineers and told not to be afraid to compete with boys.

She said that she wanted to become the highestranking woman in the RAF engineering section under the pressure of war. "I wanted to go to the Gulf, but my particular experience was not need-

ed," she said. The award, sponsored by the Institution of Electronics and Electrical Incorporated Engineers and the Caroline Haslett Memorial Trust, was present-

## Paris is dearest **EC** city

London: The committed European, seeking the best value for money. should buy clothes in Amsterdam, drink in Luxembourg, rent a flat in Dublin, and have a hair cut in Lisbon (David

Young writes).
The latest survey of living costs in the world's capital cities by Business International, part of the Economist Group, has found that within the EC Paris is the most expensive city, with London a close second and Lisbon the cheapest.

#### Scroll scan

Quantum: An American religion professor, Robert Eisenman, is using a radar scanner to comb the hills and caves that held the Dead Sea scrolls, seeking more biblical secrets.
The scanner has turned up "promising cavities" where scrolls could be hidden. (AP)

### See no evil

Peking: China's top film censor has banned the US film Mississippi Burning, dealing with the 1960s civil rights movement, on the ground that it shows the forces of American stice in too good a light (Reuter)

## Ashes return

Warsaw - After years of wrangling, the ashes of Ignacy Jan Paderewski, the planist and former prime minister of Poland who died in America in 1941, will be returned home for burial (AP)

### **Blood ties**

Milwantee: A man has been accused of slashing his girifriend with a bro-ken beer bottle and trying to suck her blood after flying into a rage while watching a vampire film screened on television together. (AP)

terday for Grammy awards

for best traditional pop per-

formance. Streisand was

nominated for Warm all Over and Cole for Unforget-

table, in which she covers songs recorded by her father.
Nat "King" Cole. Other
nominees in the category

were Harry Connick Jr. for

his album Blue Light, Red

Light and Johnny Mathis for In a Sentimental Mood,

Bryan Adams, George

Michael, Marc Cohn, Mich-

ael Bolton, Seal and Aaron

Neville were nominated for

best male pop vocal. In the

category for best female pop

vocal, the nominees included

Whitney Houston, Amy

Grant and Mariah Carey.

songs by Duke Ellington.

## Danger gene located

BY NICK NUTTALL TECHNOLOGY .. CORRESPONDENT

A DEFECTIVE gene that predisposes large numbers of people to hardening of the arteries, known as atherosclerosis, has been located by American scientists. The find might help to explain why some people with high blood cholesterol levels appear more at risk of strokes and heart attacks than others with equally high levels.

The discovery, by teams at the Lawrence Berkeley Lab-oratory in Berkeley, Calif-ornia, and the Children's Hospital in Oakland, Calif-ornia, could pave the way to new treatments and prevention strategies for a condition which in America causes over half a million heart attack deaths each year. In the UK, about 125,000 a year die

from heart attacks.

The gene, which the researchers estimate is present in a third of the population, is being linked with the accumulation in the arteries of low density lipoprotein, also known as bad cholestrol. Unlike high density lipoprotein, so called good cholesterol, bad cholesterol can stick to the artery walls, causing ar-

teries to narrow and harden.

Ronald Krauss, one of the researchers, said vesterua the defective gene might switch on or regulate the sites on arteries that bind the cholesterol. He said the gene worked with diet to increase the risk of atherosclerosis. It might also work with other genes which have been found on other chromosomes to increase this risk.

Dr Krauss said the research indicated that people who carry the gene can reduce the risk of hardened arteries by switching to a lowfat diet. The benefits of switching diets appears much higher in people with the gene than in those without it. The findings open the way for screening people at birth for predisposition to heart

made a white cane the symbol

of blindness, has died in Mo-

rocco in his 100th year, the

French consulate in Rabat

announced. Delage founded

the Cannes Blanches associ-

ation for the blind in France

after the first world war. He

wrote in an autobiography

that it was his idea that the

blind should carry a white

cane to make them recognisable to others.

A huge memorial hall com-

memorating Chou En-lai, the

late Chinese prime minister.

has been opened in his home

town of Huaian in Jiangsu

province. The centrepiece is a 16.5ft-high white marble

statue of Chou, who was in-

strumental in negotiating

China's return to the interna-

tional community during the

early 1970s.

Songs of success

Barbra Streisand and Nat-alie Cole were nominated yes-nalist Jean Delage, who

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Natalie Cole: vocai tribute to her father

**D** Norwegian prime minister Gro Harlem Brundtland, aged 52, injured herself in a skiing accident at Christmas but has not interrupted her official programme, her office said. The prime minister suffered concussion and a broken coccyx during the Christmas skiing fall, said her spokesman. Ocivind Ocstang, and had suffered almost constant headaches.

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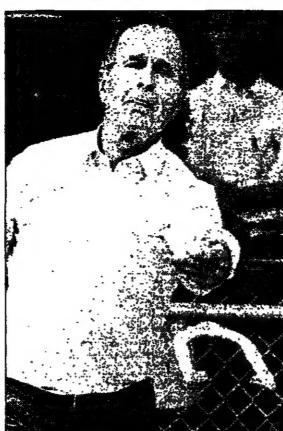
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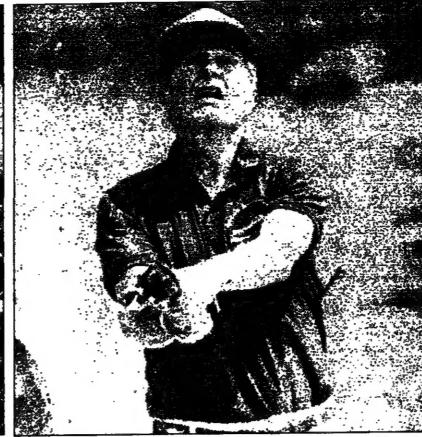


## The running, jumping, all-action president





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Good sport: the Bush White House years have been hallmarked by the daily jog, throwing horseshoes, and holidays fishing in Maine and playing golf

## Obsession with fitness leaves price to be paid

FROM PETER STOTHARD. US EDITOR, IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Bush, aged 67. is near fanatical about his physical fitness, running at least six miles a week at a carefully timed ten minutes a

His health routine, which he promotes to American schoolchildren as though it were the Bill of Rights, includes 25 minutes on an ex-ercise bicycle, ten minutes on a step-machine and a treadmill with a television attached that he claims to use for 40 minutes at a time. He also has an as yet unused machine to strengthen his upper body.

Exercise helped him to put politics in better perspective. ne said in an interview published last week. He urged daily gymnastics in all Amer-

The president, it is said,

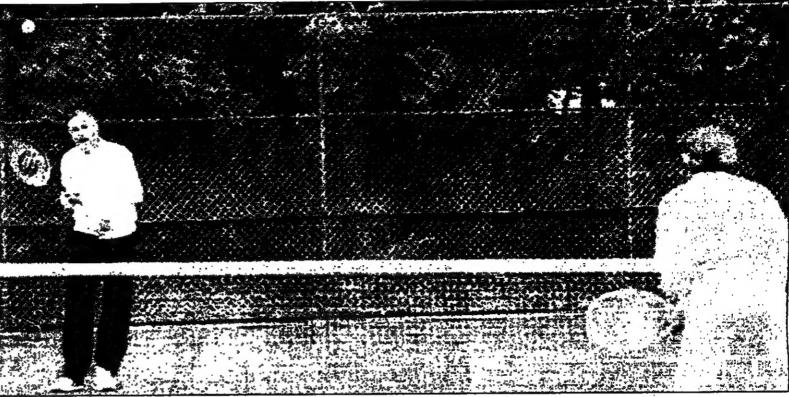
has never found a sport he does not like. In his later years he has mostly played tennis. Yesterday he had partnered Michael Armaost the US ambassador to Tokyo, against Emperor Akihito and Crown Prince Naruhito, and lost, Barbara Bush, in jest, gave that game as a contributing reason to Mr Bush's collapse.

health. Many diseases have little respect for a man's sense of how he wants to feel. Last May, when Mr Bush was found to have Graves' Disease, a thyroid condition, the impact was far greater than it would have been if the president had not been well known for his good health. So too yesterday.

3in tall. He does not employ a dietician but is a notoriously light eater, enjoying sal-ads, yoghurt and chicken. Usually, only when he has to appeal to the common man does he eat Texas care food. He is unlikely to have regret-ted being unable to finish his banquet: his favourite pudding is said be ice cream with

constant 13st 3lb and is 6ft

Mr Bush also has suffered from glaucoma in his left eye. Like all American presidents he is accompanied by a per His choice is a friend, Di Burton Lee, a cancer specialist from Manhattan. The job includes not only attending banquets but also attending to the White House dogs



Net loss: Mr Bush returning a shot to Emperor Akihito during their tennis doubles yesterday. The Americans were defeated

## Demands will rise in election year

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

FOR a man who has pressing domestic concerns and a Secretary of State who moves from continent to continent almost every month, President Bush sets himself a punishing overseas schedule.

He covers more miles abroad each year than almost any American president has ever flown. He exercises re-

lentlessly. His holidays consist of a dawn-to-dusk programme of fishing, golf. tennis, jogging, quail shooting and speed-boat racing. He exhausts his advisers, his political opponents and the photographers keeping breathless pace with him. And now, it seems, his body has rebelled at his schedule.

Mr Bush's overseas visits leave far less time for rest and recreation than Mr Reagan's used to. Not only does he insist on seeing more people, making more speeches and travelling to more places in less time; he still finds time to play tennis or jog before breakfast or whenever the negotiating schedule allows. Journalists accompanying him frequently find they are exhausted by the end of the

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THE BUSH SCHEDULE

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lasted ten days and covered 10,000 miles. It has taken him from winter weather to the warm sun of Singapore, from barbecues in Texas to cruises across Sydney Har-

bour to view the fireworks on

New Year's eve.

Since leaving Washington on December 30, each day has included up to 16 hours of negotiating, travelling and sightseeing, each evening been filled with official dinners. Mr Bush is an early riser, and uses each spare moment to see people and be seen, signing autographs, bathing in the crowds to shake hands, tossing our remarks to the waiting press.

The present trip to four Asian nations has already

He flew ten hours to Hawaii to begin his trip, jogged two miles and then flew on

In the humid Singapore climate, he held a press con-

Korean leader. The next day he breakfasted with business leaders, had talks with President Roh, gave a joint press conference and then a speech to the ternoon, he flew by helicopter to Camp Casey to address 3,000 American troops in freezing conditions, before flying back to Seoul for a state

The next day he went on to Tokyo. But before arriving he played an impromptu part in a game of kemari, a type of Japanese football, at Kyoto airport. He opened a toy shop in Nara, went back by heli-copter to Osaka and then went on by aircraft to Tokyo. It was at the state banquet vesterday evening that he was

Mr Bush's general state of

are likely to increase.

During the 1988 cam-

Health, page 9

another nine hours to Sydney. The next day, adjusting his body to a nine-hour time zone change, he rose early and in the afternoon went on to Canberra, where he stayed two days. He then flew south to Melbourne for a few hours, then back north to the heat of

ference in the hot sun, delivered two big speeches, visited a school and attended a state dinner in the evening. Early the next day he set off for South Korea where the temperature was about zero. In between talks with President Roh Tae Woo. he played a game of indoor tennis with him on a court only just above freezing. That night he had a private dinner with the South

taken ill and collapsed.

health is said to be good, and his stamina is famous. But already many are asking whether his foreign journeys are not 100 many and too long. Although the Asian trip is gruelling, the president made several journeys to Europe last year. Now, as the election campaign gets under way, he is likely to make fewer overseas trips. But this will not cut back the physical demands on him. Indeed, they

paign Mr Bush criss-crossed America ceaselessly.

Peter Stothard, page 12

## First lady teaches damage control

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK

WHILE America groaned formance by his wife, Baryesterday at the humiliating end to George Bush's attempt to play the tough trade enforcer in Japan, the country drew some consolation from the extraordinary per-

In that moment when the

vision of the collapsing president stopped American hearts during the breakfast news at home, the first lady



To the rescue: Mrs Bush calms public fears as she speaks after her husband's collapse

kept her cool at the head table in Tokyo. She then delivered a lesson in the technique of damage control and face-saving straight out of

the political book. "She's a real pro," mar-velled a television commentator after Mrs Bush kept to her seat as her husband vomited, then slumped lifeless in his chair. "Imagine what Nancy Reagan would have

The comparison was on

everyone's minds. While Mrs Bush is a calm and shrewd minder of the president's political interests, Mrs Reagan was a ferociously protective defender of Ronald Reagan's person. "Nan-cy would have shrieked and rushed for Ronnie," said one veteran White House watcher. Their contrasting styles could be seen in the way Mrs Reagan stayed in hospital with her husband after his two operations while Mrs Bush, with her no-nonsense upper class approach, has shrugged off George's ailments and declined to stay overnight in hospital with

Mrs Bush, sporting her habitual three strands of artificial pearls with her evening dress, quickly recovered her composure after her limp husband had staggered out.

den Gray, the White House

counsel, were also there.
Today it would be impossi-

ble to maintain the secrecy

which surrounded the condi-

tion of President Wilson, or

that of the disabled Franklin

Roosevelt, whose wheelchair

was hidden from most voters

for decades. There were still

fears in some quarters yester-

of the room and she man-aged to crack a joke loaded with symbolism. "I rarely get to speak for George Bush but tonight I know he would want me to thank you on behalf of the administration and the Americans travelling with us," she told the assembled dignitaries and

"You know, I can't explain what happened to George because it never happened before. But I'm beginning to think it's the ambassador's fault," she said to laughter. "He and George played the emperor and the crown prince in tennis today, and they were badly bearen. And we Bushes aren't used to that." she said.

the world.

In a few brief words, delivered amid uncertainty over her husband's true condition, she managed to counter the damaging images of presidential frailty and shore up the notion of his

Mrs Bush's sure-footed confidence has, however, a drawback. It tends to accentuate the awkwardness in speech and demeanour often displayed by her husband, an image which will be reinforced a thousandfold as the videotape is endlessley re-played in America in this election year.

## **Bush falls** victim to Japan's formality

FROM JOANNA PITMAN

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JAPAN'S formal, protocolridden routine of official ceremonies has clearly got the better of President Bush. Yesterday's first event, the official welcoming ceremony, re-quired perhaps the most rigid and irksome etiquette of all for a man who delights in

informality.

But, despite Mr Bush's collapse yesterday, his punishing schedule is likely to continue. Marlin Fitzwater, the White House press spokesman, said that today's programme would probably pro-ceed as planned except that the president would not at-tend a breakfast meeting with

Assembled at yesterday's welcoming ceremony at the Akasaka Palace were Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko, Crown Prince Hironomiya, a bachelor, and his younger brother, Prince Akishinomiya, and his wife Princess Kiko. Kiichi Miyazawa, the prime minister, was also

present with his wife.

President Bush and Mr
Miyazawa later had three course into the next century for relations between their countries. They said after-wards that the relationship established would benefit both their nations and the world in terms of security, trade and economic devel-

Nevertheless, Mr Miya-22wa seems not to have al-lowed himself to be brow-beaten into promising to buy more American products to save America from its own domestic economic problems. When asked about Japanese plans to import more American cars, Mr Miyazawa suggested that Mr Bush should reflect on why European cars were selling well in Japan while American ones are not. After the talks, Mr Bush,

wearing red, white and blue Armacost, the American ambassador, played tennis against the emperor and the crown prince at the Imperial Palace. Watched by Mrs Bush and the empress, who had earlier been on a walkabout in Tokyo, the American

## White House primed for emergency BY PETER STOTHARD president in Tokyo, and Boy-

THE Bush administration claims that it is better organised than any predecessor for the eventuality of a over power. Memories of the chaos following the attack on President Reagan in 1981 ensured that, eight years lat-er, a little-publicised planning session took place.

There was not a hint from the White House yesterday that these plans were being dusted down because of Mr pan, or that Dan Quayle, the vice-president, would change his schedule. "This is flu. like most of the rest of us have got. not a bullet," said one aide, "and the vice-president will be campaigning in New Hampshire, just as he intend-

The April meeting three

years ago reviewed the circumstances under which the 25th amendment to the constitution, covering the transfer of power to vice-presidents, would be invoked. The issue of when the president should hand over his authority - either temporarily or permanently - has been a subject of frequent dispute.

Woodrow Wilson stayed in power for more than a year after a stroke made it impossible for him to carry out nor-mal duties. President Reagan did not employ the amendment when lending the reins to Mr Bush, then his vicepresident, during an operation for colon cancer in 1985. A desire to clarify the law was part of the reason for the

day, however, that the whole story about President Bush's condition had not been made If it were to be decided that Mr Bush were too ill to work, the procedures are said now

to be incorporated in a single book of guidance. The sub-stance of the various legal opinions has never been 1989 meeting, at which Mr made public. Quayle was present. Dr Burton Lee, who attended the

In 1989, part of the secrecy

would draw attention to Mr Quayle's unsuitability to become president and thereby weaken the new administra-tion. The polls still show that Mr Quayle is a liability to the ticket, but the fears about the Quayle effect are less than

By coincidence, the president's latest illness occurred in a week in which The Washington Post has been running a seven-part analysis of Mr Quayle. Its findings have been surprisingly favourable to the man whom many Americans, particularly in the media, have hitherto seen

as a butt of humour. Mr Quayle, a man of genuine sporting prowess, is now portrayed less as the innocent catapulted out of his depth by a capricious presidential was explained by fears that it choice than as a schemer.

PRESIDENT Yeltsin's firm statement on the need to keep the Black Sea fleet together and the postponement of talks between the fleet's com- for the former Soviet Navy mander and Ukrainian lead- not to be split. ers yesterday intensified the bitter conflict between Russia and Ukraine over command



Shaposhnikov: wants central control of fleet of the fleet. At the same time Admiral Gennadi Khvatov. commander of the Pacific fleet, added his voice to calls

The intensification of the dispute coincided with the opening of a two-day meeting in Moscow of military experts and officials from all 11 republics of the new Commonwealth of Independent States. In the now independent Bal-tic states it added to tension over the status and continued presence of former Soviet troops on their territory.

In Lithuania, armed forces yesterday began a series of manoeuvres near Vilnius, the capital. The Lithuanian government said it had been given only "peremptory noti-fication". In Estonia, 100, there was evidence of mounting tension between local authorities and former Soviet

Whether the Black Sea fleet is a strategic force or not underlies an increasingly bitter dispute, Mary Dejevsky in Moscow and Michael Evans write

raine. In this is faces resis-

tance not only from Russia

but from Marshal Yevgeni

Shaposhnikov, the com-

mander of the common-

wealth's armed forces, and

the Central Asian republics.

Mr Yeltsin's use of the term

"allied command", rather

than "single" or "joint" com-

mand, indicates, however,

that he may be coming round

to the view that any common-

wealth armed forces, except

those directly concerned with

strategic nuclear weapons,

will have to be built up from

the separate armed forces of

individual republics and

Admiral Igor Kasatonov,

combined into an alliance.

troops. The government announced that it was halting bread supplies to garrisons because Russia was not delivering grain as contracted.

Mr Yeltsin, before he left for Saratov, southeast of Moscow, on the first leg of a five-city tour, said the Black Sea fleet was indivisible. "The Black Sea fleet cannot belong to any single republic. It should be under the allied command of the common-

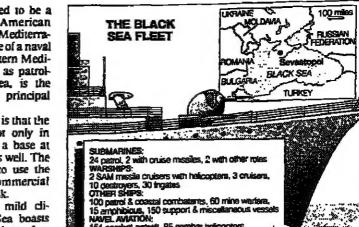
wealth," he added. This was Mr Yeltsin's first public comment on the dispute. Ukraine wants the fleet. based at Sevastopol in the Crimea, to form the basis of the navy of independent Ukcommanding the Black Sea fleet, postponed his meeting with Ukrainian officials until today, choosing yesterday to receive a party of Moscow journalists at Sevastopol instead. He said that the fleet should be kept under commonwealth command and argued that Ukraine could not afford to maintain it.

The Black Sea fleet is the third largest of the four fleets of the former Soviet Union. and equipped only with conventional weapons. Its nonstrategic character lies at the heart of the present row: while Ukraine accepts that strategic systems should be controlled by the commonwealth, the republic insists on commanding all conventional weapons on its territory.

Moscow say the fleet must remain under centralised, effectively Russian, control becounter to the American Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean. Maintenance of a naval presence in the eastern Mediierranean, as well as patrolling the Black Sea, is the Black Sea fleet's principal

Another concern is that the fleet is located not only in Ukraine. There is a base at Poti, in Georgia, as well. The fleet is also said to use the large Russian commercial port at Novorossiysk. Because of the mild di-

mate, the Black Sea boasts the only ports which are free of ice throughout the year. There is, however, only one exit, through the 180-mile Turkish Straits, which are controlled by Turkey. Under the Montreux Convention, Turkey must be given eightdays' notice of the passage of warships through the straits



through the Bosporus and

Dardanelles only if bound for Until last month, the Black Sea fleet included one aircraft carrier, the 65,000-ton Admiral Kuznetsov, which was built at the Ukrainian shipyard at Nikolaev. But, after a work-up period in the Black Sea, the carrier moved to the Northern fleet base at Mur-

# Saboteurs hit at Georgia regime

FROM BRUCE CLARK IN TBILLS!

THE new government in Georgia faced sabotage by electricity workers and a rebellion by an entire provided town yesterday, while Zviad Garneskhurdia the denused Gamsakhurdia, the deposed president, was said to have seen stopped by police from leaving his sanctuary in Armenia.

As Armenian parliamen-tarians considered whether to extradite Mr Gamsakhurdia to his homeland or send him to France at his request, there were reports of a violent clash in Idzhevan, the town in the Armenian mountains where the fugitive leader is said to be: living in a former communist. rest home for composers.

A promiment member of Thilisi's Armenian community said he had been informed by the government in Yerevan, the Armenian capital, that police had blocked an escape attempt by Mr Gam-sakhurdia and his entourage.

angry at price rises and the

possible restoration of a Ger-

man autonomous region in

the Volga area, Tass reported:

stop tour of several Russian

cities to explain the need for

drastic economic reforms, in-

cluding the freeing of prices

on January 2, which has tri-

pled the cost of foodstuffs on

average without, so far, in-

creasing their supply. Mr Yeltsin had said he intended

to "evaluate the situation in

the regions, see how the

liberalisation of prices is go-

ing, along with economic and and St Petersburg.

Mr Yeltsin is on a whistle-

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**Angry shoppers** 

mob Yeltsin

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin of Rus-sia was mobbed in the town of pie's state of mind". Engels vesterday by a crowd In. Engels, formeny the

which is said to consist of 12 family members and close aides, plus 100 fighters and loyal politicians. There were unconfirmed reports that a shootout had taken place.

The new regime in Thilisi claimed to be edging the re-public back to normality, as all the security forces police, soldiers and intelligence officers — accepted is authority. But the regime, which forced Mr Gamsak-hurdia to flee on Monday, admitted that wildcat groups had practically ignored or-ders to hand in their arms.

There were reports from many districts of Tbilist and the Georgian provinces of electricity workers' union, which has always been a strong supporter of Mr Gamsakhurdia. These power failures were heightening an atmosphere of instability and providing a cover for acts of

capital of the Soviet German

autonomous republic dis-

banded by Stalin in 1941;

Mr Yehsin told demonstra-

tors that German settlements

would be recreated only on

vacant land or where the local

population did not object. In

November, thousands dem-

onstrated against plans to al-

low the return of ethnic

Germans, deported by Stalin

Mr Yehsin is later sched-

uled to visit the Volga town of

Ulianovsk. Nizhni-Novgo-

rod, formerly Gorky, Briansk

to Siberia and Kazakhstan.

violence, both politically in-spired and purely criminal. The biggest stronghold of resistance to the new government was the west Georgian town of Zugdivi. Most of its 120,000 inhabitants are Me-

120,000 inhabitants are Megrei Georgians, an ethnic group to which Mr Gamsakhundia also belongs.

The prefect of Zugdivi, Indiko Kobalaya, is a fierce Gamsakhundia loyalist who has organised mass protest meetings and proclaimed the campaign of civil disobedirece in defiance of the newly ence in defiance of the newly installed authorities. But calls from supporters of Mr Gamsakhurdia for strikes in all sectors have been greeted by many with the cynical comment that most enterprises are at a standstill anyway because of shortages of fuel and other utilities.

Life in Tbilisi was visibly returning to greater normality, however, as efforts began to clean up the destruction left by two weeks of artillery battles and machinegun fire in the historic city centre.

A demonstration by about 1,000 people in support of the deposed president passed off peacefully yesterday, despite threats by the new regime's strongman, Jaba Ioseliani, that he would disperse all public meetings. There was continuing dismay and cident on Tuesday in which one loyalist demonstrator is reported to have been killed and two badly wounded after being fired on at close range by forces loyal to the new regime. A spokesman for the government, Mamuka Areshidze, said that the incident

was "a mistake". In his first interview since leaving the parliament, Mr Gamsakhurdia told Armenian reporters he was still the the president of Georgia and was not going to resign.

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Farewell manoeuvre: a soldier joining a convoy of 100 troops leaving Kiev for Moscow after Ukrainian authorities demanded an oath of allegiance

## Major's **UN** call wins backing

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK

A HECTIC diplomatic effort by Britain has persuaded world leaders to come to New York this month to boost the United Nations as a peace-maker after the Cold War.

Despite some pointed remarks from the French over John Major's political motives, the leaders of France, Russia, the United States, Japan and most other members of the 15-strong security council have indicated their willingness to spend January 30 at UN headquar-ters and to put their names to a broad three-part declaration charting a path for the

The gathering is aimed at giving a big-power launch to Boutros Boutros Ghali, the new secretary-general of the UN, and to bolster the organisation as a force for peace in a world in which superpower rivalry has given way to po-tentially dangerous local and regional wars. The permanent powers on the council want the secretary-general to be more active in "preventa-tive diplomacy", identifying threats to peace and intervening to defuse them.

The gathering will also amount to an endorsement of President Yeltsin of Russia, and of his country's elevation to the old Soviet mantle at the UN. Western diplomats were playing down this aspect, however, not least because many states are upset over the way Russia was ushered into the Soviet permanent seat on the council over Christmas without any general debate.

The future of the former Soviet Union's huge nuclear arsenal and its associated atomic industry will be high in the thoughts of the leaders when they discuss new plans for preventing proliferation of all types of weapons.

## Beware: slightly used airline

FROM ROGER BOYES IN WARSAW

FASTEN your safety-belts for Ukrainian Airlines, the first of many indepen-dent carriers that will replace Aeroflot in the skies bove the Commonwealth

of Independent States. Passengers will be surliness of Aeroflot stewardesses, but they are still in for a bumpy ride. The fleet will be made up of surplus Hyushin-62s and Antonov-24s, discarded by the Polish airline, Lot, hich is aiming to fly only Western aircraft. The Ukrainians may think they have a bargain — \$15 million (£8 million)

They don't need so much fuel since we changed the stewardesses



for seven roomy Hyushins tonovs - but the Poles are happy to get rid of the Soviet-made fuel-guzzling aircraft.

As a Polish parliamen-tary deputy, Wladyslaw Serafin, said yesterday, Kiev may come to regard the sale as an unfriendly act. "We keep on reading in the Polish press that these aircraft are not safe enough to carry Poles; why should they be safe for Ukrainians? The last big air disaster in Eastern Europe was in 1987 when an ilyushin-62 crashed outside Warsaw.

## Cubans capture 'rebels'

Havana: Cuba said its sec urity forces had captured three armed "terrorists" who landed in a dinghy after being dropped from a boat from the United States.

The interior ministry said the three "counter-revolutionaries", who all lived in Mi-ami, "belong to a terrorist organisation which operates from US territory and were trained and sent to Cuba to carry out violent acts against the revolution". (Reuter)

### Swedish alert

Stockholm: A court was cordoned off for the appeal of Klas Lund, a neo-Nazi, aged 23. jailed in November for bank robbery. The tight security followed a bomb blast in the city on December 30 which injured a policeman.

Bomber jailed Athens: A Greek court sen-

tenced Muhammad Rashid, a Palestinian commando, to 18 years' jail for the bombing of a Pan Am plane over Hawaii in 1982. A Japanese teenager was killed and 15 others were hurt in the blast.

Teresa walking La Jolla, California: Mother Teresa continued her recovery from bacterial pneumo-nia and a heart condition and has been able to get out of her hospital bed and walk, doctors said. But the nun, aged 81, remained in the intensive care unit (AFP)

## British officers to join Yugoslav monitors

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

France, and 16 other countries in sending a team of 50 military observers to Yugoslavia later this week. The contingent will form the advance guard of a large-scale United Nations peacekeeping force. After yesterday's formal request for 21 selected countries to send two or three monitors to Yugoslavia, Britain sought reassurance over the provisions envisaged for their safety. A defence ministry spokeswoman said: "Obviously we're concerned to

BRITAIN is ready to join the role of the UN observers United States, Russia, China, would be different from that of those from the European Community who, until the death of five EC officials on Tuesday, were monitoring the ceasefire in the field. The UN observers will be based at the Yugoslav National Army's headquarters in Bel-grade and the Croatian People's Guard headquarters in Zagreb to act as liaison officers between the two sides. The British contribution is

likely to be taken from its team of 20 military observers now attached to the UN mission on the Kuwait-Iraq borprotect the safety of the der under the command of people we send out there." The Foreign Office said the Colonel Robin Garret. The



UN Security Council draft resolution on sending a team to Yugoslavia stipulates that the observers should be drawn from existing peacekeeping operations. Britain presently also has 800 per-

sonnel serving in Cyprus.

Speaking for the security council, of which he is president this month, Sir David Hannay, Britain's ambassador to the UN, said the peacekeeping operation would go ahead as planned in spite of the shooting down of the helicopter carrying the EC monitors and the suspension of the EC mission. He said the 50 UN monitors would be in place soon. UN sources sugested they would leave for Yugoslavia before the end of the week. The cost of the force is put at \$2 million (£1.06 million) for the first month and \$700,000 for the second.

The other countries invited to provide observers are: Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, Egypt, Finland, Ghana, India, Ireland, Kenya, Malaysia, Norway, Pakistan, Singapore, Sweden, Switzerland and Venezuela. Russian peacekeepers are presently serving on the Kuwait-Iraq border and in Jerusalem. The monitors could eventually be absorbed into a 10,000-man UN peacekeeping force, provided the ceasefire holds.

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## Genscher offers vision of future to EC and Nato

THE horizons of Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the German foreign minister, are widening. Today, Europe. Tomorrow, as he made clear this week, the world. "Genscher plans a security zone from Vancouver to Vladivostok," the economic daily newspaper, Handelsblatt, re-

ported yesterday. Herr Genscher had been spelling out his vision of the future during his annual new year meeting with the press. Unimpressed by complaints from President Mitterrand that Germany had abandoned "the spirit of Maastricht" to go it alone on recognition of Croatia and on raising the bank rate, he claimed that German policy had often been criticised in the past only to win wide support later.

Despite reports that the American State Department was concerned by Germany's assertiveness in Yugoslavia. he insisted that Bonn's decision to recognise Croatia and Slovenia had contributed to the success of the present ceasefire. That would become ever clearer as time went by.

We are always ready to take criticism from Washington seriously," he said. "But in the case of recognition of Slovenia and Croatia this is groundless." He said that the two republies, with members of the Commonwealth of Independent States, ought to become members of the ConRecognising Croatia is only a first step: the German foreign minister is feeling his way towards a world role for Bonn, reports

Ian Murray

ference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) when it meets in Prague on January 30 and 31.

He added that he was trying to persuade Nato to convene a special session of the North Atlantic Co-operation Council immediately after the Prague meeting to confirm the inclusion of the countries as new members. The essential thing, he said, was to prevent the creation of a security vaccuum after the disinegration of the Soviet Union.

The German minister seemed confident that the EC and Nato would follow his lead. Since Germany persuaded the rest of the Community last month to agree criteria for recognising the independence of Yugoslav republics, the foreign minister, aided and abetted by Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, has made most of the diplomatic running. "We have to accept that the Germans are unstoppable on this," one senior EC diplomat in Bonn admined vesterday.

President Mitterrand's criticism nevertheless prompted the popular daily, Bild, to an official said.

terday: "Is Germany becoming too powerful for the world?" It set out seven reasons why the rest of the world might think so: recognition of Croatia and Slovenia: independence from American influence; the claim for more seats in the European parliament; and for German to be an EC official language; setting conditions for EC monetary stability: reconstruction of east Germany; and friendship with the Commonwealth

of Independent States. The paper ridicules each of those reasons and found comfort in an interview with Dr Rainer Zitelmann, professor of history at Berlin's Free University. With unification it was inevitable that Germany would form its own foreign policy, he said.

"Any country would have been the same. The Germans should not be sensitive. They must resign themselves to the fact that now they will be criticised more than before." There is widespread under-

standing of that point of view among diplomats in Bonn. One said: "We cannot make up our minds whether we want Germany to be powerful or not."

Inside the foreign ministry, though, there is no feeling that a new assertiveness is at large. "We have greater responsibilities and a duty now to take a lead on occasion."

## Fears of Algerian coup rise

FROM PHILIP JACOBSON

A LEADER of the Islamic fundamentalists in Algeria claimed yesterday that the armed forces are being deployed in strength throughout the country. As diplomatic sources in Algiers confirmed that tanks and other military units were taking up positions around the capital, the government refused to make any official comment.

With the second round of the general election now only a week off, there is mounting speculation that the army may be poised to intervene in order to prevent the almost inevitable victory of the Islamic Salvation Front.

"We want to know what justification there can be for this deployment." Abdelkader Hachani, a senior official of the Islamic Salvation Front, said yesterday. "If it is because of the second round, why have they moved into regions where seats were decided at the first poll?"

According to Mr Hachani, there is still no sign that the Algerian government is making arrangements for next Thursday's vote, which most observers expect to complete the fundamentalists' victory over the ruling National Liberation Front of President Chadli Benjedid.

Diamonds are

for ever the

Giscard curse

FROM PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

The affair of the Bokassa diamonds returned to

haunt France's former

d'Estaing, vesterday, more

than a decade after the

original controversy that so clouded his final years in

office. A court in Paris fined

his daughter, Valerie Anne. 5.000 francs (about £500) and ordered her to pay

another one franc in sym-

bolic damages for the defa-

mation contained in her father's memoirs of the man who had provided the most damaging material for the original revelations.

In normal circumstances, M Giscard d'Estaing would himself have been in the

dock, but as a member of the European parliament he enjoys immunity from this type of proceedings in France. As editor of the

much-praised second vol-

much-praised second volume of the memoirs — enti-tied Le Pouvoir et La Vie — his daughter was then pur-sued by Roger Delpey, de-manding redress for allega-tions made by the ex-presi-dent in his account of the

The court accepted that the passages to which M Delpey took gravest exception were "manifestly defamatory" because they amounted to claiming that

his part in an affair that set all France gossiping for months had involved com-mitting criminal acts.

According to M Giscard

was "motivated by political

hatred" in passing the French satirical weekly Le

Canard Enchaine docu-ments that launched its in-

vestigation of the gift of

diamonds he accepted from

Jean-Bedel Bokassa, the ty-rannical ruler of the Cen-

tral African Republic. The memoirs relate how the

French domestic intelli-

gence service established that the papers had been handed over in a cafe on the Quai Voltaire and had subsequently raided M Delpey's house.

In his memoirs, M Gis-card d'Estaing recalls the day in October 1979 when his chef de cabines came

rushing in to announce that

Le Canard was running the

story, across a full page, featuring a letter from Bokassa which claimed

that the 30-carat stones he

handed over had been

worth about one million

To this day, the former

president insists that the

gems were worth very little, but the scandal they stirred

up was to hang over him until his defeat in 1981.

## Dispute at Jordan border adds to peace talk niggling

ARAB delegates to the Midpected to begin arriving in Washington today to resume contacts with Israeli negotiators at the start of next week. However, the talks, which were delayed this week when

Arabs protested at an Israeli deportation order on 12 Palestinians, nearly ran aground a second time yesterday when Israeli security officers refused to allow three Palestinian advisers to cross into Jordan. Hanan Ashrawi, the spokeswoman for the Palesfinians, declared angrily in Amman: "We told the Israelis that if they kept trying to impede the work of the delegation we would go back to our country and we really thought of doing so." The three Palestinians.

identified as Tawfiq Bar-

and Bilal Natsheh, eventually were allowed to cross into Jordan over the Allenby bridge after a standoff which delayed the delegation by three hours. The dispute was indicative of the total lack of trust between the two sides, whose progress in the peace talks is likely to determine the success or failure of the other two bilateral negotiations be-tween Israel and its two northern neighbours, Syria

and Lebanon. Although Palestinians and Israelis have emphasised their determination to overcome the nagging procedural problems, which confined their last talks to the corridors of the State Department, it still seems unlikely that any real progress on substantive

Mrs Ashrawi said that a

## Carey fears for fading flock

By RICHARD BEESTON

parks.

THE Archbishop of Canterbury. Dr George Carey, said yesterday that the Christian population of the Holy Land could disappear within 15 years, turning Jerusalem and Bethlehem into little more than Walt Disney theme parks for Christian pilgrims.

Dr Carey, at the end of his six-day Middle East visit, said he was optimistic that a solution to the Middle East conflict was possible because of the commitment of Arab and Israeli leaders. However, he criticised the "rough justice" of Yitzhak Shamir, the prime minister, in seeking the deportation of 12 Palestinian

The archbishop said that the continuing conflict could lead to the extinction of the



Shamir: dispensing "rough justice"

tian community of the West Bank and Arab east Jerusalem. Christian Arabs, including the small Anglican population, were emigrating to the West in increasing numbers because they felt that they were a victimised minority among the dominant Jewish and Muslim communities. He said: "My fear will be that in 15 years Jerusalem and Bethlehem, once centres of Christian presence, will be-come Walt Disney theme

The Anglican bishop in Jerusalem. Samir Kafity, esti-mated that 70 per cent of the Christian population of Jeru-salem had left since the formation of the state of Israel in 1948. He attributed the flight to the continuing Arab-Israeli conflict, and in particular to the lack of rights and opportunities for Palestinians.

Bernard Sabella, a sociologist at Bethlehem University who has studied the trend of Christian emigration, has concluded that the overriding reasons are economic. How-ever, the exodus of Christians, which can be traced back to the last century, has reached a critical level, with 18,000 Palestinian Christian emigrating from the occupied territories, including Arab east Jerusalem, since 1967. There are today only an estimated 35,000 Christians in the area, 9,000 of them in now being discussed to over-come the dispute over wheth-er the Israelis should meet the joint Palestinian-Jordanian delegation in one room, as Israel demands, or if the team should break up into two separate sides, one to discuss Jordanian issues, the other

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The procedural problem may appear superficial but it goes to the heart of the Palestinian search for legitimacy as an equal negotiating part-ner, and Israel's reluctance to grant full status to representatives of a land they occupy and claim. The Palestinians want the West Bank and Gaza Strip to form the basis of an independent Palestinian state, while Israel demands sovereignty over the whole area but is prepared to offer the Palestinians limited

autonomy. Ghassan Khatib, another Palestinian delegate, said yesterday that his team was not prepared to begin talks on the occupied territories until Israel stopped its policy of building Jewish settlements in the area. This has been rejected by Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister.

For his part, Mr Shamir is reluctant to move into substantive talks at this stage because two small right-wing parties in his coalition government have threatened to leave the cabinet if the matter is raised at the negotiating table. Israeli officials yesterday predicted that the talks were also unlikely to proceed beyond procedural matters, because the Israeli delegates would be returning by the middle or end of next week. Harare: Ibrahim al-Beshari, the Libyan foreign minister, proposed yesterday that international observers attend the interrogations of two Libyans suspected of bombing the Pan Am plane

believed to have been behind the explosion. France wants access to those held responsible for the bombing over Nier of a French UTA airline in September 1989. Two hundred and seventy eople were killed when the Pan Am jumbo jet was blown up over Lockerbie, in southern Scotland, "Libya con-demns (the Pan Am) incident and it publicly condemns all acts of terrorism and will co-

said as he emerged from talks

with President Mugabe of

powerful.

Zimbabwe. (AFP)

over Lockerbie in December

1988. Britain and the United

States have called for the ex-

tradition of the two Libyans

operate with the international community," Mr al-Beshari

Park rugby stadium where the two concerts will be held nodody was nun ai damage was caused. The Azanian National Lib-

800 security officers will be drafted at the weekend to the Ellis Park stadium.

dent of the African National Congress, which has ena cocktail party for him at his Soweto mansion outside Johannesburg tomorrow night. Yesterday, Mr Mandela addressed a mass rally at a rugby ground, the Free State stadium in Bloemfontein, which was taken over for the day by the ANC to mark the founding of the organisation in the capital of the Orange Free State 80 years ago. A buffet lunch was laid on for

Mr Mandela and the ANC leaders by Bloemfontein city council, which is under Nat-

ional party control. Mr Mandela made a long speech in which he had been That failed to materialise. He repeated the ANC's demands for rapid progress towards government and the establishment of a professional secunity force that would include, as well as units of the South African Defence Force and the police, contingents from Umkonto we Sizwe, the

## **UK offers Kashmir**

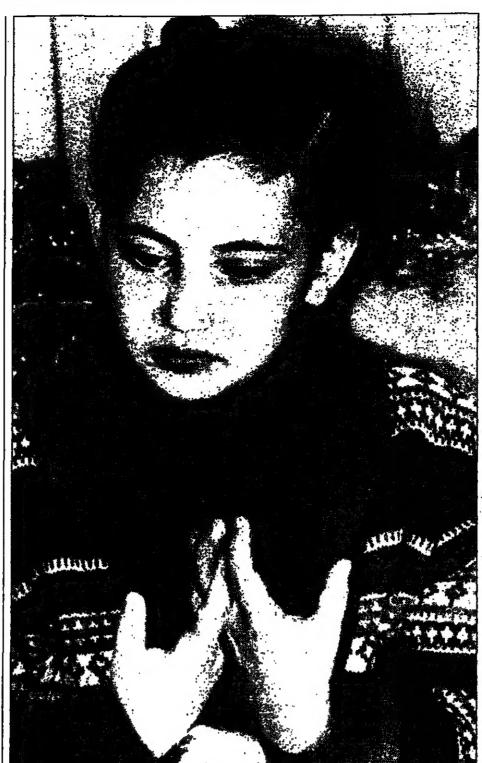
Bokassa: his gift set

all France gossiping

KENNETH Baker, the home secretary, urged Pakistan and

'We have said that if there

two-day visit to Pakistan. India has rejected previous offers of mediation over the Muslim uprising in Indianruled parts of Kashmir.More than 5,600 people were killed



Literary agent: Yara Jalajel, a West Bank girl aged nine, who is a member of the Palestinian Writers' Union and described as "absolutely brilliant"

## Bomb attack fails to deter Simon

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

ARRANGEMENTS for the two weekend concerts in Johannesburg by Paul Simon were going ahead as planned yesterday despite a bomb attack on a firm involved in providing sound equipment. The American entertainer

whose visit to South Africa effectively ends years of isolation of the country by the world's superstars, was staying out of public view after flying in late on Tuesday. The singer said he was surprised that last-minute objections to his visit had been raised by the Pan Africanist Congress and the Azanian People's Organisation.

A few hours after his arrival

an explosion blew out the windows of a Johannesburg company contracted to set up sound equipment at the Ellis,

eration .Army, the military wing of the black-consciousness people's organisation, claimed responsibility yesterday and threatened further attacks. South African security sources indicated that the liberation army was regarded as a fringe group with little support. Nevertheless, the threat to the concerts is being taken seriously and

Nelson Mandela, the presi-

the installation of an interim armed wing of the ANC, and

# mediation

FROM REUTER IN ISLAMABAD

India yesterday to negotiate Kashmir.

is any role that we can play then we will be happy to help," Mr Baker added at a press conference closing a

in the conflict last year.

Fears about television interference will increase today when a new satellite is switched on. Nick Nuttall reports

# A battle alert in the sky over television pictures

on high above the Congo today, ready to support Europe's demand for more telephone, data, digital radio, mobile communications and television services. The event would normally attract little attention. Switching on a satellite has become almost commonplace.

This craft, called Eutelsat II F3, and launched from Florida last month, is an exception because it triggers fierce controversy between two of Europe's leading satellite operators over the interference it could cause to television pro-

The dispute, which has simmered for nearly three years, highlights concern that the skies above Europe are fast becoming

Phil Haines, a technical expert with the 28-nation Paris-based European Telecommunications Satellite (Eutelsat) organisation, whose members include BT and France Telecom, explains: "There are now about 30 satellites at orbital slots from the western to the eastern horizon of Europe. By the end of the century that figure could have grown to about 40. could have grown to about 40. Industry expects, however, that The problems are just beginning the craft will transmit television

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and they are going to build up over

The siting of the new craft next to two Astra satellites operated by the Société Européenne des Satellites (SES) is at the centre of the present wrangle.

Astra's transponders are leased to European television companies such as BSkyB, the television service partly owned by News International. the publisher of

The Eutelsat craft is taking an orbit of 16 degrees east, only 3.2 degrees from the Astra orbit of Both operators

allocated identical the 11.45 to 11.70 gigahertz range by the global telecommunications advisory body, the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), in Geneva.

If the Eutelsat craft carries only data, telephone and mobile telecommunications, Astra's transmissions should be secure. The

just beginning and they are going to build up over the coming years' to one another, the owners of

'The problems are

Although Eutelsar's new craft switches on today, its members may not take up all its capacity for several months.

smaller dishes, of which there are

about two million in Britain, could

pick up some transmissions from

broadcasts, which are more

Eutelsat's customers can expect

trouble-free transmissions be-

cause, as professional or business

customers, they will use bigger,

more expensive receiver dishes, at

least 80cm wide. Astra's operators

have, however, pioneered direct-

to-home mass market services

around smaller domestic, less ex-

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Simon Orme, of NEC (UK), the Japanese maker of receivers, be-lieves interference on some Astra channels is "quite likely". Yves Feltes, of SES, believes there may be interference for viewers with badly fitted dishes.

But a spokeswoman for BSkvB said yesterday that an independent report ruled out any interference for British viewers. "It is potentially a much bigger problem for viewers in the rest of Europe.'

At the Royal Aeronautical Society in London yesterday. SES revealed plans that it claims would solve any problems of interference. The scheme calls on Eutelsat to route television broadcasts through its six other sat-

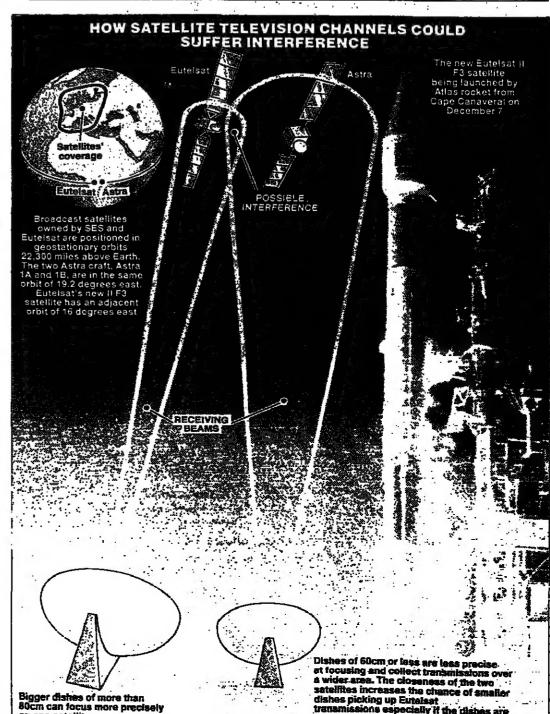
Eutelsat, SES says, should also adopt the policy of co-positioning. This strategy, which SES uses, puts several satellites in the same orbit making better use "of this increasingly scarce resource".

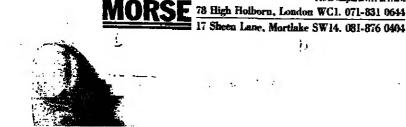
These proposals appear unlikely to cut any ice at Eutelsat. Vanessa O' Connor, Eutelsat's press officer, says the organisation has limited control over the telecommunications traffic carried on its craft. She says: "We lease capacity to our members. Once leased, it is up to them to decide how they use it. BT or Deutsche Bundespost can use it for telephony, data or television."

Astra and Eutelsat, however, share a concern over the way services are being squeezed. There was interference between two Eutelsat satellites last year. Mr Haines says: "We could have problems with the new Telecom II satellite to the west of our orbit and with the German

ne solution would be to issue specially protected orbits spaced six degrees apart for television broadcast satellites. M Feltes, however, believes the real answer is to give the ITU some muscle. At present the ITU operates more like a gentleman's club, accepting notifications of proposed orbits and pointing out that they might interfere with existing orbits.

M Feltes suggests that the ITU. rather like the Federal Communications Commission in the United States, should be given legal powers to issue orbital slots instead of just giving advice.





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# Is Bush fit to be sick?

The American president's collapse has raised, once again, fears about his exercise regime, Jeremy Laurance reports

eorge Bush has been here before. The holder of one of the toughest jobs in the world knows the dangers of stress - and once collapsed as a young man as a direct result of the pressures he

In his autobiography, Looking Forward, President Bush confessed that he was a chronic worrier in his thirties when he was trying to develop his oil business.
On a business trip to London, it
finally got the better of him. "I woke up one morning and started to get dressed," he wrote, "and then suddenly found myself on the hotel room floor." He crawled to the bedside phone and called for hein He was taken to be provided and help. He was taken to hospital and found to have a bleeding peptic ulcer. The loss of blood had caused him to faint.

These days he handles stress better. Soon after becoming president he said he was no longer a chronic worrier. The ulcers had

Stress affects people in different ways: what is stressful for one person is stimulating for another. Mr Bush came to the presidency well prepared, having held several high offices of state. He was not projected into the maelstrom of the White House from the serenity of a farm in Georgia, as Jimmy Carter was. It is safe to assume he would not have put himself up for the job if he had not felt able to cope with it.

A key element in President Bush's coping strategy is exercise. He jogs, goes fishing and plays golf. He was reportedly playing tennis in Japan on Tuesday and the game was extended to two sets at his request. He established the President's Council on Fitness and is keen to set an example. He is the most noticeably active of all world leaders — and the most noticeably ill. Is there a link?

Last May, he collapsed while out jogging near Camp David. The week before, he had launched the Great American Work-out and had taken part in weightlifting, basketball and soccer at the White House with Arnold Schwarzenegger, the chairman of the President's Council on Fitness.

It seems likely that in his keenness to set the nation an example he was doing more exer-

But later it emerged that his problem was caused by a malfunctioning thyroid gland which had "George Bush has simply blown affected his heart (see Medical Briefing below). The exercise had revealed the problem, not caused -

After the May episode, President Bush's doctors made no move to cut down on his physical activities. British physicians agreed that his exercise regime almost certainly does him good. Sport helps physically and it can also help you relax by requiring you to concentrate on something totally different — cancelling the stress you have in your occupation," says Karol Sikora, a profes-

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sor of clinical oncology at Hammersmith hospital and an expert on the links between stress and cancer.

But according to Desmond Kelly, the medical director of the Priory Hospital, Roehampton, and UK president of the International Stress Management Association, exercise is not universally effective in relieving stress.

People who exercise produce endorphins in the brain which are 'good mood' hormones. Some people, such as authors, use this to produce a 'creative high' which helps them work well. But others who exercise simply feel ill."

The test, Dr Kelly says, is

whether people played games at school, "If they did, exercise usually makes them feel better but if they tried everything to get out of games at school, it is not likely to

help their stress levels now."
Emotional pressures are more tikely to be at the root of the president's problems. From taking his country into war against Iraq last year, when his popularity soared, he had to switch to the domestic battlefield in which America's economy plunged into

a fuse," says Cary Cooper, an expert on occupational stress at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology. "It isn't just a case of too many long hours and too much travel, although for a man of 67 that alone is exhausting. Psychological-ly George Bush is having a very strange time. Less than a year ago he was a national hero for his conduct of the Gulf war. He is suffering what I would call the Margaret Thatcher effect — going from extreme popularity to extreme unpopularity in a short period of time. He probably thinks people are turning on him. He would see that as unfair and difficult to understand."

The way world leaders handle themselves on overseas trips adds unnecessarily to the stress of the job, according to Professor Mal-colm Harrington, the director of the Institute of Occupational Health at Birmingham University. "It is extraordinarily difficult to stop politicians coming down the steps of a plane, shaking hands and going straight to meetings. They really should plan it better than that. They are not superhuman."

Professor Sikora believes world leaders should be subject to regu-lar monitoring of their health — and a mandatory retirement age. "If you can't practise medicine at 67 how can you be president of the United States? Pilots are required to have compulsory heart tests and are likely to have to undergo brain scanning soon, he says, but for politicians there is no such system. "Yet politics is a far more stressful activity than flying."
What should Mr Bush do now?

According to Professor Cooper politicians tend to overreact to adversity. "He may try to prove quickly that he is really in good shape. We may see him out jogging again in a day or two but I think that would be foolish. He needs to rest, and after all he has quite a lot of political laurels to rest on. He won't give up the presiden-cy, nor should he. The best approach is to manage his way out of his predicament, to bring his stress under control." Additional reporting by Thomson



He's fine, really: after President Bush's illness last year he wore this jokey T-shirt for a game of horseshoes at the White House

REST, PRIME MINISTER — HOW EUROPE'S LEADERS COPE WITH THE PRESSURE

ohn Major, aged 48, suffered from exhaustion during the Gulf War last year. At the time, Norma Major said: "He is obviously tired and not getting enough sleep." A cricket tan, Mr Major's active participation in the sport was ended by a motor accident in the 1960s. He now attends as many Test matches as possible and would like to spend his retirement following the English cricket team round Ansterlie and the West Indies. Australia and the West Indies.

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Lech Walesa, aged 48, the president of Poland, takes ten-minute "power naps" during the day, and sometimes dozes while standing, a habit he learnt when he was working as an electrician. He needs only five hours sleep a night, practises yoga, and makes occasional visits to a German spa. He relaxes at rock clubs and bars in the evening.

Giulio Andreotti, aged 72, the prime minister of Italy, claims that "Power wearies only those who do not have it". He wakes at 4.30am and only needs four hours sleep, supplemented by a 15-minute sleeta. Felipe González, aged 49, the Spanish prime minister, unwinds by walking in his garden of Japanese bonsai trees. He drinks whisky and

walking in his garden of Japanese bonsai trees. He drinks whisky and smokes Havana cigars late into the night. He needs six bours sleep—plus a siesta—and spends three weeks of the year on holiday.

Francois Mitterand, the president of France, celebrated his 75th

birthday last October. Apparently in good health, he plays golf twice a week and spends many weekends at his house in the country. He has seven hours sleep a night and enjoys long lunches.

At 6ft 5 and 18 stone, 61-year-old Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor of Germany, prompted one biographer to describe his body as: "one of

harmonious obesity".

He is not a heavy drinker, but is said to like large quantities of traditional German food. He holidays each summer at his lakeside villa in Austria, where he tries to shed weight by eating only rolls and water for two weeks. Despite his size, he is not known to have any serious

Rund Labbers, aged 42, theprime minister of The Netherlands, works late every night and rises at 5.00am. His wife has publically complained that he is a workaholic, and she does not see enough of

Another man dedicated to the job is Wilfried Martens, aged 55, the Belgian prime minister, who regularly works 14 hours days, despite undergoing a heart bypass operation in 1984.

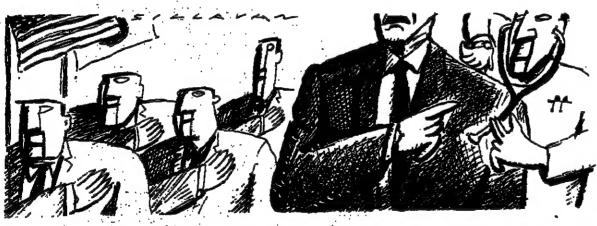
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## Reasons to be careful



most, but not all, British post-war prime ministers, Margaret Thatcher did not routinely travel with a doctor. But the president of the United States has always done so. So there's nothing unusual in George Bush being accompanied by White House doctors at the state banquet at which he collapsed yesterday.

The doctors' worst fears must have been realised when their patient, who had been complaining of feeling vaguely unwell before dinner, collapsed during the meal, and vomited.
The immediate explanation for his

collapse was that he had eaten some contaminated food, or was suffering from the first signs of flu and had thereby had a sudden lowering of the blood pressure and a fainting attack. This would not have been questioned if Mr Bush was very much younger and had not recently suffered from atrial fibrillation due, apparently, to thyrotoxicosis - an overactive thyroid which produces too much of the hormone thyroxine, which over-stimulates the heart.

But, as it is, the doctors will now have to work through the differential diagnosis carefully, and the president, if he is wise, will submit to further examinations without question.

Atrial fibrillation is an irregular heart rhythm in which the arria, the collecting chambers of the heart, beat at a different rate to the ventricles, the stronger, pumping chambers.

If the ventricular rate is reasonably slow the patient may not suffer inconvenience, but if the heart rate is too fast or chaotic the patient may become breathless, dizzy, and even

The president's medical advisers have assured the world that both the thyrotoxicosis and its attendant fibrillation are problems of the past, but it is not certain whether they mean by this that the heart-rate is now slowed so that, although irregular, the pumping action is efficient, or whether they mean that the rhythm is now completely normal.



MEDICAL BRIEFING Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Either way, during the considerable time that the president was fibrillating uncontrollaby, the irregular action of the heart will have caused eddies and currents in its chambers which may have encouraged the formation of a thrombus, a large clot. Thereafter, at any moment, part of this clot, an embolism, may break off and, if the patient is unlucky, lodge in one of the arteries of the neck or brain, thereby causing a stroke.

If the embolism passes on quickly. so that no residual damage is done, and all symptoms have gone within 24 hours, the incident - in fact, a minor stroke - is described as a transient ischaemic attack.

Several studies have shown that embolic problems are particularly common in cases where fibrillation has been due to thyrotoxicosis. In a transient ischaemic attack, dizziness, nausea and vomiting are not unusual. Transient ischaemic attacks are liable. sooner or later, to lead to a major stroke.

lthough President Bush's fibrillation was attributed to his mild degree of thyrotoxicosis. there are many other possible causes of this condition. Perhaps the most common in a man of his age is coronary arterial disease, which can be responsible for it even in the

absence of angina. Acute coronary insufficiency is not always painful: one in five patients who have had an acute myocardial infarction - a "coronary" - suffer no pain. However, nausea, vomiting and fainting are commonly associated with a coronary, and can occur in the

absence of pain. All too often one sees a patient who has been treating his "indigestion" with antacids grumbling about the nature of his supper, whereas he would have been better employed summoning his

President Bush's collapse will probably never be fully ex plained, but he would be well-advised in future to take his daily aspirin (known to be very effective in reducing the number of transient ischaemic attacks), to reduce the stress he submits himself to, to take longer to adapt to new countries before undertaking public engagements, and to modify his exercise schedule so that although he should continue to take brisk exercise he should abandon strenuous physical

The president was treated with Tigan, a preparation - unavailable in this country - used to alleviate nausea and vomiting. If the collapse was due to food poisoning it would be expected that diarrhoea would also have occurred for, as all travellers know, it is usually the more prominent and trying symptom.

However, whether the gastroenteritis presents initially as diarrhoea or vomiting there is normally time for the patient to reach the lavatory; the remarkable feature of this episode was that the vomiting seemed to have been very sudden, without warning, and was associated with immediate collapse. Afterwards, the president claimed that he felt quite well, although this may have been an opinion which owed more to his innate east coast politeness than a careful medical

appreciation of the medical situation.

The likelihood must be that the president suffered a fainting attack. possibly related to an infection from contaminated food, but it would be a very brave doctor who categorically denied any other possibility, and no one would consider his aides unduly cautious or pessimistic if in future they said that they would not care to be driven by him along the motorway.

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# Genius of immoral yearnings

Fernanda Eberstadt lauds Nabokov, whose change of exile from Paris to America turned him from a local hero into the scandalous author of *Lolita* 

Boyd's biography opens. Vlad-imir Nabokov, a refugee from Nazi-occupied France, was sailing past the Statue of Liberty into New York harbour. The 41-year-old Russian, arriving in the New World with one hundred dollars and a wife and child, was no ordinary greenhorn. It was his second voyage into exile: In 1919, at the age of 20, he had left Russia, under Bolshevik gunfire, with his father, a liberal statesman who had been active in opposing both Tsarism and Leninism. Three years later Nabokov Sr. was murdered in a Berlin lecture hall shielding a fellow-politician from a Russian fascist's bullet.

In his subsequent two decades in Berlin, and briefly, Paris, the young Nabokov, writing under the pseud-onym of V. Sirin, had gained a reputation through such brilliant high modernist works as The Defence and The Cift as the great Russian novelist of the early 20th century. (This is not as hard a contest as it sounds.)

Nabokov was a local superstar when he arrived in America, a country which had never heard of him and which neglected to give Russian exiles from communism the same attentive welcome bestowed on German exiles from Nazism. It is tribute to his sublimely sunny self-confidence, his optimism and high spirits, that Nabokov made of these initially forbidding circumstances — his only job offer was as a delivery boy — an amusing adventure. It is also tribute to a tenacious sense of literary vocation. The man who, in preparation for his American future, composed his first English language novel a full two years before he left Europe, was from the outset enchanted by this brash baby-doll of a newfoundland.

Steering clear of emigré society, he set about humorously becoming this transplant - imagine Henry James, after completing A Portrait of a Lady, embarking on a new career in French — is glimpsed only in rare asides. "The demenagement from my palatial Russian to the narrow quarters of my English", Brian Boyd quotes Nabokov from an unpublished note, "was like moving from one darkened house to another on a starless night during a strike of candlemakers

He continued at odd intervals. however, to write Russian verse and dreamed to the end of bingeing on

n May 1940, when this second for this relinquishment of mother-and final volume of Brian tongue was an English idiom tongue was an English idiom miraculously intricate and capacious, delicate, quirky and hugely comic, which yielded such masterworks as Pale Fire, Pnin and that gorgeous, revolting Great Ameri-can Novel Lolita.

Brian Boyd's biography is an excellent guide and companion to Nabokov's work. The previous volume, published in 1990, dealt with the juicy material of Nabokov's liberal-aristocratic Russian childhood, his tribulations in Nazi Berlin, his courtship of his future wife and lifelong passion, Vera Slonim. The American Years works barer ground. Although this period (1940-1977) produced most of Nabokov's Greatest Hits, his outward life gives the biographer little to write home about.

Aside from a rapturous, prickly friendship (and well-publicised falling-out) with Edmund Wilson chronicled in their published correspondence - Nabokov did not travel in fascinating circles or take part in the large culture of his time. On his one trip to Hollywood, Nabokov innocently asked John Wayne what he did.

He was a full-time academic, teaching literature at various American colleges, while pursuing a distinguished side-career as a lepidopterist. His external life was thus a compilation of job applications, course work, lectures, rented digs in numerous college towns, critical editions of Pushkin and Gogol, summers hunting butterflies in the Rockies, New Mexico, Utah - cross-country trips through the tacky, fly-by-night motel-life of the American heardand which provided the ground for Lolita - and, as he grew more successful, contract negotiations, movie deals, translations. When Lolita made Nabokov a rich man at the age of 60, he quit teaching and retired to a hotel in Montreux, where he spent his last 18 years in near-seclusion, publish-

ing nearly a book a year.
Nabokov's intense sense of privacy makes the biographer's task more difficult. Though sociable, Nabokov was the most domestic of husbands and fathers, and his 52year marriage to the stern beauty who acted as his secretary, editor, agent, and teaching assistant, was of an intensely symbiotic commubial-ity that excluded all but their son.

As he grew older and more famous, moreover, the novelist exercised ever more stringent control over a life that early on had been one last Russian novel. The reward tragically marred by the bumblings



Nabokov died in seclusion at Montreux, but his later novels reflect the ebullience of America

of fate: interviewers were required to submit their questions in advance, and Nabokov would then read aloud his typewritten answers. At his death, he stipulated that his personal papers - including a novel and memoir - should not be published for 50 years after the deaths of his wife and son. (Boyd seems in part to have charmed his way around this ban.)

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Boyd's portrait of Nabokov, seen through letters, journals, reminiscences of friends and colleagues, students, relatives, is of a man chivalrous, attentive, determined to have fun and to put people at their ease, antic in his high spirits. Visitors report a king of Buster Keaton clownishness — Nabokov miming the loss of a train ticket or, at the age of 75, pretending to sit down on top of a laden tea-tray.

Sturdier virtues are also revealed: so all-pervasive was the Nabokovs' habit of solicitousness that when the tom-cat who lived in an apartment they were renting was taken ill, the couple regularly visited the animal

VLADIMIR NABOKOV The American Years by Briza Boyd

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in hospital. Underneath his playfulness, moreover, Boyd confirms, man, unremitting in his defence of its squalling messiness; and allergic to cant, coercive ideologies, collectivism, even "group activity, that communal bath where the hairy and the slippery mix in the mul-tiplication of mediocrity".

The curious fact which Boyd

confronts, however, is that this open-spirited, generous humanist who worshipped Shakespeare, Pushkin and Tolstoy, himself created a fictional world that for all its wit and verbal brilliance, often feels airless, show-off, precious, and which in the last novels becomes cloyingly narcissistic. The same is true for the criticism, in which

Nabokov calls Virgil "insipid", Goethe "trivial". Stendhal "paitry", Dostoevsky "much overrated", Henry James "a complete fake", and War and Peace "a very childish piece of writing".

This contradiction Boyd works hard to resolve. He points to hidden clues, acrostics, subtexts, which show that Nabokov in each novel was registering secret disapproval of the perversibes in which his work appears to revel. Of Nabokov's mammoth translation of Eugene Onegin, almost universally deplored for its crabbed archaisms and wilful violations of syntax, Boyd similarly argues that Nabokov made it purposely repellent in order to drive the reader to master Pushkin in the original.

While Boyd may run to extremes in trying to iron out the kinks in Nabokov's character, his devotion to his subject is endearing. And for all its occasional excesses of partiality, The American Years brings a thorough, informative finale to an illuminating biography.

## Verses return from oblivion

Revision: seeing again. For the revised series of Oxford Books of Verse, which will influence the taste of a generation, OUP commissioned a fresh reading of the huge corpus of our poetry. The most recent results are Alistair Fowler's New Oxford Book of 17th-Century Verse (published today) and Emrys Jones's 16th-century volume (published last year). Nearly five centuries and more than 800 poets are now represented, yet even at 3,500 pages, these volumes are scraping the surface, not the barrel.

As well as adjusting reputations up and down — Philip Larkin's 20th-Century Verse notoriously found no place for Ezra Pound these anthologies have brought to light many scarcely known poems and poets. Emrys Jones includes one poem apparently never before printed, and some neglected tender lines by Thomas Bastard about a child learning to speak: "the soft air the softer roof doth kiss / With a sweet dying and a pretty miss". Christopher Ricks's Victorian Verse revives Shirley Brooks's "Poem by a Perfectly Furious Academician":

I takes and paints, Hears no complaints, And seils before I'm dry, Till savage Ruskin Then nobody will buy.

The earliest tradition was courtly and semi-official. Henry VIII, Elizabeth and James I all have poems in these volumes. In 1599, Samuel Daniel hoped this national litera-ture would rival that of the ancients.

O blessed letters, that combine in one All ages past, and make one live with

By you we do confer with who are gone And the dead living unto council call By you th' unborn shall have

Of what we feel and what doth us

He thought the genius of the language ordained for the production of great works, and in general the old Oxford anthologies agreed. But alongside that canonical history, the modern editors value diversity and introduce unrequired writing, voices from the anonymous mass. There are versified prayers and wills, doggerei notes on husbandry, dialect poems, epitaphs and the emberant dementia of Christopher Smart.

Without looking below the first rank, Fowler might have filled all his 800 pages with the 17th century's unmatched lyrical exploration of love in all its forms, running from Fulke Greville and Drayton (overlapping here with Jones) to Traherne and Rochester. But he also admits "some !subliterary verse, and some very minor nation's memory, forgotten verse may contain things we need to know". One thing we especially need to know is what women's verse was like, and Fowler has practised "positive discrimination".

As well as including women in his New Oxford Book of 18th-Century producing a full-scale anthology of 18th-Century Women Poets. the Romantics fall between the 18th Though not included there, the century and the Victorians, they are anonymous anguish of "Epitaph on to have a volume to themselves. And a Child Killed by Procured Abor- after that? Well, despite a new jacket tion" is surely a mother's:

Soften the pangs that still revenge thy

**NEW OXFORD BOOK** OF 17th-CENTURY VERSE Alistair Fowler OUP. £25

Where back I cast thee, let revolting time Call up past scenes to aggravate my

With hundreds of ephemeral poems called back from oblivion to set beside the Augustan classics, Lonsdale's 18th century is radically political, particularly as it draws to its troubled close Cowper, James Grainger and others denounce slavery: William Shepherd lam-basts imperialism: Mary Acock and James Bisset decry child labour.

Not that all the verse Lonsdale prints is good. Who can have patience with stuff like this: "In you deep bed of whisp'ring reeds / His airy harp shall now be laid"? There is too much mock-heroic Miltonic grandeur. Thus sports are routinely aggrandised. Bowls: "A large smooth plain extends its verdam brow": golf: "th' exulting orb as-cends"; cricket: "And see where busy counties strive for lame".

her a century too much fulled by rhyming couplets. Victorian poets weighed up their words as well as their syllables. Feelings were understated and compressed into sonners and tight stanzas (Housman, Hardy) to make the reader attend to every nuance. Ralph Hodgson could imply years of misunderstanding in the apparently neutral title "Silver Wedding".

Lord de Tabley could write 40 delicate and precise lines about a spider. Out of such restraints burst

Even in the best tilled ground, these editors have found neglected furrows, such as the impotence poems of the late 17th century. Out of Horace, perhaps, but very English is a long series of poems of leisured contentment: Lord Vaux's praise of thinking (1576), Edward Dyer's "In Praise of a Contented Mind" ("My mind to me a king-dom is ...", 1588), Henry Wotton's The Character of a Happy Life (1651) and Robert Southwell's "Content and Rich" (1595): "My wishes are but few, / All easy to fulfil: / I make the limits of my power / The bonds unto my will," Mildmay Fane, in 1648, predicates his serenity upon being at one

... observe by reaso why every plant obeys its season: How the sap rises, and the fall, Wherein they shake off leaves and Which whilst my contemplation sees I am taught thankfulness from trees

Unmistakably, this green wisdom is a pre-echo of Marvell's "Upon Appleton House — the most perfect of all long poems, though

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sadly not printed entire by Fowler. Similarly, Lonsdale prints two Verse, Roger Lonsdale went further, poems addressed to Coleridge and two on Tintern Abbey. But because recently. Helen Gardner's 1972 New Oxford Book of English Verse is beginning to look rather staid.

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## Matriarch of the Tudor dynasty

e, Margaret": with these firm words a great lady lays down the rules for a new institution. They may have a familiar ring. But the words were in fact originally written in Latin ("Nos, Margareta"), the great lady in question was Margaret Beaufort, who died in 1509. and the institution in question was Christ's College, Cam-bridge, not the Thatcher Foundation. Nevertheless. hitherto remarkable women acting successfully in a man's world have tended to have certain qualities in common, whether in the 20th century or the late medieval period of Margaret Beaufort. And these are not the qualities of modesty and submissiveness which history has traditionally praised in the female sex. Hagiog-raphy of such women misses the real point by underplaying the strength and even ruthlessness needed to survive.

The King's Mother, a new life of Lady Margaret Beaufort. Countess of Richmond and Derby, by Michael K. Jones and Malcolm G. Underwood, is certainly no hagiog-raphy. On the contrary, copious archival material is here used to great effect to compose a complex portrait, quite unlike the traditional pious, nun-like benefactress. It is true that Lady Margaret was responsible for many foundations and she was pious (al-though she enjoyed merry tales" — both Chaucer and

Boccaccio were in her library).
At the same time this Lady Margaret is worldly, pragmatic not to say devious, and money-loving: £15,000 of movable wealth was available at her death, and it is possible that the notorious miserliness of her son Henry VII was derived from her. She is also courageous, and determined to preserve the interests of her

family and properties by her own efforts above the mire of civil war in 15th century England. Certainly the tranquil face of her tomb effigy in Westminster Abbey gives little indication of the challenges which she faced throughout her life - and survived.

The early years of Margaret Beaufort, born in 1444, in the reign of Henry VI (son of another powerful woman, Margaret of Anjou), were dominated by two things. First, she was a great heiress, the only child of a father who died shortly after she was born: this meant that her marriage-

Antonia Fraser

THE KING'S MOTHER by Michael K. Jones & Malcolm G. Underwood

ability was deemed to start more or less in infancy.

Secondly, she had royal blood, being descended from John of Gaunt; but it was tainted royal blood since her grandfather. John Beaufort, had been born "in double adultery". That is, both his parents, John of Gaunt and Katherine Swynford, had been married to other people at the time of his birth: although he was later made legitimate and they did marry. Thus the Beaufort family's place in the

royal succession was at once important and dubious. Lady Margaret's first marriage, which took place when she was six and her bridegroom seven, was subsequently annulled. When she was ten she was married to Edmund Tudor, she became pregnant at the age of 12. Then Edmund Tudor died of plague, leaving her to give

birth to a son as a widow of 13. Unfortunately, Lady Margaret was not yet physically full grown, and the result of this birth - cynically encouraged in order to produce a male heir to her possessions - was to "spoil" her in the horrid contemporary phrase applied to such unlucky heiresses. That is, she was wrecked gynaeco-logically and never able to give birth again. By the time she was 15, Lady Margaret was on her third (second official) husband, Henry Stafford. That was a longer-lasting union although of course childless: after Stafford died in 1471, Lady Margaret married, for reasons of state, Thomas Stanley, Lord Derby.

The boy Henry Tudor, who would live to win the English crown at Bosworth Field, and ascend the throne as Henry VII. was his mother's lifelong passion. She was more the age of a sister than a mother, and given the tenor of her correspondence ("my sweet King" "my dearest King" and so forth), one has the impression

of something loverlike about the relationship.

There is also something grimly possessive about Lady Margaret's exercise of her role of markets in least to Elizabeth. of mother-in-law to Elizabeth of York. She occupied cham-bers linked to those of her son both at Woodstock and the Tower of London, and one Ambassador reported Lady Margaret as completely dominating the gentler yourger woman. When Queen Elizabeth died in childbirth in 1503. Lady Margaret enjoyed six years as effective Queen. having previously acted as Queen Mother in all but name. (How convenient that the signature Margaret R. which she adopted, might stand for Margaret Richmond - her first husband's title - or Margaret Regina according to



Lady Margaret Beaufort's tomb in Westminster Abbey

never tried to do, however, was to exercise royal power directly, even though her son's genealogical claim came through her and, by modern rules, she would have preceded him on the throne. Jones and Underwood quite rightly make short work of the sentimental Victorian suggestion that Lady Margaret "sacrificed" her own claim to the throne through love of her son.

n the contrary, Lady Margaret was a realist who understood that direct female rule was associated with civil war (as in the case of Stephen and Matilda in the 12th century) and had observed for herself the hostility aroused by the machinations of Margaret of Amou

She preferred to fight like a demon for her son's interests. (even when they conflicted with those of her third husband Lord Derby) rather than

One thing this matriarch exalt her own. In this sense she is very much a creature of her age, to whom the reign of her great-granddaughter Queen Elizabeth I would have seemed not so much glorious as against nature (let alone the achievements of subsequent female prodigies).

Jones and Underwood have

done a useful job for the students who will quarry this excellent scholarly work by dividing their subject themat-ically, although this brings some inevitable repetitions, and a certain dryness in what might otherwise be an exciting narrative. The authors only unhappy decision is to start the book with a historiographical survey of Lady Margaret's fortunes at the hands of past biographers. This chapter, however intriguing, makes an uneasy introduction to a character we ourselves have not yet met, as it were, and should surely have formed the

CINEMA: NEW RELEASES

# The gang's all here, but who cares?

Billy Bathgate, Merci La Vie, Liebestraum, The Bridge. Hello, Hemingway, and Year of the Gun are reviewed by Geoff Brown

ut they come: the gents in dark suits, the bullets. the corpses and surly words. Thirties gangsters are back in town, guns blazing. Billy Bathgate (15, Odeon Leicester Square) presents Dutch Schultz, leading light of the New York underworld, incarnated by Dustin Hoffman with a growl of a voice and the face of a without weasel. Violence flares without warning, A lying mouth is shot apart; an innocent head is bludgeoned; Bruce Willis - his feet in concrete — gets dumped off a tugboat (did I hear a cheer?).

Yet among Hollywood's new crop of gangster movies. Robert Benton's film — adapted from E.L. Doctorow's 1988 best-seller still lacks a vital something. Neatly scripted by Tom Stoppard, it pads along from reel to reel, serious and intelligent. But as a visceral experience, Bathgare pales beside Scorsese's GoodFellas: you never feel this movie from the pit of your stomach. Visually, the film shimmers with sleek photography from Nelson Almendros and all the correct period bric-a-brac, yet it

cannot compare with the gleeful high style of the Coen Brothers' Miller's Crossing.
You might think that having Dustin Hoffman top of the cast would be enough for any film. Not so. He appears comparatively stiff, playing rather than inhabiting his role. His size is bothersome: everyone seems taller than Dutch Schultz, especially Billy Bathgate: the young Bronx kid itching to realise the American Dream by joining Schultz's gang as a flunkey and confidant in 1935. He chose the wrong year. Lawsuits, treachery and defections mount: Schultz's kingdom is crumbling.
To extract the best from

Doctorow's story of great and misplaced expectations, we need to see Schuitz, for some time at least, through Billy's star-struck eyes. But the perception that sticks belongs to Schultz's girlfriend Drew: "an ordinary man", she tells Billy. Bathgate himself — lanky-innocence with a few streaks of guile — receives a numble portrayal from Loren Dean, though the character is too much fortune's pawn to make a strong impression. Other players in this strangely muffled, disappointing film offer bright bits and eces: Steven Hill, excellent as Schultz's weary right-hand man; Nicole Kidman, bewitching as Drew, the liberated moll ("I'm not his girl, he's my gangster").
"What period are we in?" "Is this

called a flashback?" When even a film's characters seem confused, pity the poor audience. Bertrand



Ill-fated couple: Nicole Kidman ("bewitching" as Drew) and Loren Dean ("nimble" as Billy) in Robert Benton's Billy Bathgate, from the novel by E.L. Doctorow

Blier's Merel La Vie (18. Lumière and Camden Plaza) hurls at the spectator an avalanche of Gallic insouciance. Two nubile girls timehop through the 20th century. igniting fires in men and cars, entering films-within-the-film, visiting their parents on conception night tangling with Aids and trains bound for Nazi death camps. This is the ant-house equivalent of a Hollywood rollercoaster such as Total Recall, where sensation is all; and decorous values iogic, good teste, some ultimate, meaning get trampled in the rush in amaze.

Arleast Blier began with a clear aim. Almost 20 years ago, he made Les Valseuses — the anarchic tale of two rampaging males that pushed Gerard Depardies (and Bier) into the limelight. "I wanted to see whether I was still capable of making such a daring film at the age of 50." Merci La Vie proves that he can, but not nearly so well. For all its narrative jobs and nose-thumbings at French life, this jeu d'esprit lacks the verve and cheek that kept - and still keeps - Les Valseuses spinning (the film is

being revived next month). For nostalgia's sake, Depardieu makes a cameo appearance, as an

odious doctor who plans to make

his reputation by curing a clap epidemic that he himself spread. Other notables include Jean-Louis Trintignant (a lustful SS officer) and Michel Blanc (father to one of the girls). But they all dance dance on Blier's blithe heroines, Charlone Gainsbourg and

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Anouk Grinberg, who meet in the opening minutes — one pushing a seaguil-laden supermarket trolley. one dumped from a car - and never let go through the whirlwind. There is no shortage of high spirits, deverness, or eccentric fun:

just listen to the crazy-quilt sound-

track (Philip Glass one minute, Dean Martin the next). Yet, not for the first time, Blier's outrageousness seems mechanical. Glossily shot, smoothly engineered, Merci La Vie is mineral-water anarchy: purified, bottled, mass-produced.

The week's most luscious film must be Liebestraum (18. Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue, MGM Trocadero). The camera undertakes panther prowis through the bizarre shadows of a long-abandoned American department store, a castiron landmark due for demolition. Characters trip up over flashbacks and dreams; bodies lie strewn in love and death. Kim Novak (the hero's mother) lies in hospital, screaming, it rains a lot: doesn't it always in movies like this?

Mike Figgis is the man to praise or blame: the former bright spark of British experimental theatre. now at large in Hollywood, wrote. directed, and composed the ominous, moaning music. At first, praise is in order: grandiose images draw us into an intriguing plot juggling sexual jealousy, architectural values (to demolish or not to demolish), and the cyclical nature of past sins.

Disillusionment begins once the town's psychotic sheriff, a minor character, embarks on the longest

(and most pointless) urination in cinema history. With the plot fast crumbling, the dream-like atmosphere loses its charms, and Kevin Anderson's lead character (a stubble-chinned architectural expert) begins to bore unduly. Next time Figgis builds a dark, wild movie, he should spend more hours digging

t least Liebestraum takes risks. The Bridge (12, Cannon Haymarket), the poor pretty thing, is frozen with timidity. This British costume drama sits on the screen like Little Miss Muffet, spinning the trite tale of a summer's dalliance between a stifled Victorian wife and an artist. He is Philip Wilson Steer, the English Impressionist whose The Bridge - a woman and man in icy contemplation, over

an estuary - hangs in the Tate. Maggie Hemingway's novel (the source for Syd McCartney's film) imagines the events behind the canvas. Transferred to celluloid they appear unremarkable. Mc-Carrney, up from the commercials field, provides some tasty summer hues, but lets too many actors slip his grasp. Saskia Reeves twiddles a cream parasol and looks constipated: David O'Hara, her ad-

miring dauber, acts as though stunned with a heavy implement.

This is British cinema at its most

exasperating.

Relief is at hand with the engaging Hello. Hemingway (ICA Cinema), a gentle, bitter-sweet Cuban tale which brings a gust of fresh air to the over-worked terrain of teen-age problems. Laurita, 16, dreams of winning a scholarship to study in the United States; but her impoverished background and fractious home life drag her down. Hemingway — Laurita's famous neighbour - is in the background, along with Castro's upcoming revolution: the year is 1956. Director Fernando Perez, trained in documentaries, adopts a pleasantly unfussy style, and lets a wealth of social details seep through the personal drama. Laura de la Uz - alternately

charming, dynamic heroine. How can a thriller so stacked with gunfire, chases, twists and red herrings as Year of the Gun (15) Cannon Haymarket) send one to sleep? A laborious script about the Italian Red Brigade helps; so does a miscast leading man (Andrew McCarthy). Only flickers of John Frankenheimer's old talent for staging action scenes are in evidence in this uncongenial project.

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## Secret series

ROBERT Halmi, the Hungarian-born Hollywood producer who recently bought the rights to the sequel to Gone With the Wind for \$9 million (£4.8 million). has now announced a contract with the KGB for a film series based on their files. Halmi promises "a major, headline-grabbing series" with epi-sodes including the U2 affair, the Cuban missile crisis and the Philby, Burgess and Maclean stories. The agreement also includes the book rights on the KGB files.

#### Larkin about

ALAN Bates makes a rare appearance on the London stage later this month in a one-off performance to raise money for Greenwich Theatre's forthcoming production of Caesar and Cleopatra. Bates and Patrick Garland will perform Down Cemetery Road — The Landscape of Philip Larkin at Greenwich on Sunday, January 19. An entertainment created by Garland, Down Cemetery Road is based on Larkin's poems, prose and first performed at the National Theatre when the poet was still alive. Caesar and Cleopatra, which stars Alec McCowen and Amanda Root, opens on January 30.

#### Punny but true

THE composer half of the writing team behind a new musical. 99 Heyworth Street, which is opening at the Liverpool Playhouse Studio tomorrow, is the Merseyside musician, John Bryan. At least this time he is taking credit where credit is due. Bryan recently released his first album, Carnival Day at Kirby, but modestly preferred to do so under a pseudonym. the splendidly appropriate local choice being "Johann

#### Last chance . . .

THE painting of Gerhard Richter, 60 this year, is amazingly varied. Not only has he evolved since the Sixties from photo-based portraits and aerial landscapes, through qua-si-scientific colour charts to full-blooded paintings, but he also continues to produce, simultaneously, free-form abstracts reminiscent of late Monet and meticulously realistic pictures which recall softfocus photographs. All his phases are included in the retrospective that closes at the Tate Gallery. London SW1 1313) on Sunday.

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CINEMA: HERITAGE

## The man who introduced Stan Laurel to Ollie Hardy

ot many people stay around long enough for their own centenaries: but film producer Hal Roach - the man who made Harold Lloyd, Laurel and Hardy and Our Gang - is all ready to celebrate his 100th birthday on Tuesday. And he is expected to attend a retrospective tribute to him during the Berlin Film Festival next

Roach has seen and lived the entire history of Hollywood. He arrived there in 1912, the same year as the first film studios, and two years before Charlie Chaplin "We became good friends. We both lived in the Los Angeles Athletic Club. It was cheap. And we rode to the studios in his car."

Ruach had seen a good deal. of pioneering America even before Hollywood. At 17 he ran away from home in

David Robinson salutes Hal Roach,

still working in Hollywood at 100

Elmira, New York - leaving behind also his given names of Harold Eugene - to prospect for gold in Alaska. When the anticipated riches did not materialise he became in succession mule-skinner, saloon gambler and haulage

Having drifted to Los Angeles, he rode well enough to be taken on by Universal, at 25 dollars a week, to act in cowboy pictures. There he met another young bit player. Harold Lloyd. When Roach came into a small inheritance they set up their own film company and studio, to make two-reel comedies with Lloyd

as the star. His first charac-ters, "Willie Work" and "Lonesome Luke", imitated Chaplin; but with Roach's help Lloyd was soon to devel-op the distinctive character— the diffident young man in horn-rim glasses — which brought him fame as one of the great silent comics.

After parting with Lloyd,

> been working solo for years. Laurel and Hardy exemplify the difference between Roach and his contemporary and rival Mack Sennett. Sennett's films tended to frenetic action and slapstick. Roach preferred a more restrained. realistic and ultimately more sophisticated style of character comedy. Stan and Ollie are recognisably human, sharing the foibles, feelings and anxieties of the audience as they battle with a world of tottering houses, recalcitrant cars, malevolent neighbours and virago wives. Roach's third great contri-

bution to Hollywood comedy

was the Our Gang series.

Roach had the inspiration to

team two comedians who had

which introduced several generations of colourful child players. Other Roach comedy stars over the years included Harry Langdon, Edgar Kennedy, Will Rogers and ZaSu Pitts, while several generations of Hollywood directors cut their teeth at his studios. In 1926, reckoning that human stars were demanding excessive salaries. Roach hired a killer equine called Rex for a rather racist melodrama, The Devil Horse. He also tried all-animal casts for his Dippy Doo Dads series. but soon went back to human

comedy. Roach has always had the ability to move with the times. Recognising the inevitable



Hal Roach: arrived in Hollywood before most studios

demise of the two-reel cornedy he turned to feature production. He produced the sophisticated Topper series, with Cary Grant and Constance Bennett, and a prestigious adaptation of Steinbeck's Of Mice and Men, directed by Lewis Milestone. ("It's only Laurel and Hardy being serious." he explained).

grandiose film project.
One Million B.C. A one million gave him a chance to a fellow pioneer. D.W. Griffith - "one of the great geniuses of the business". Roach remembers visiting the monumental set of Intolerance in 1916, when Griffith was at the pinnacle of his career By 1939 Griffith

had fallen on bad times. rejected by the industry. He vindicated Roach's decision to engage him as adviser by testing and casting a young unknown, Carole Landis.

Later Roach was a pioneer of television, establishing the Hal Roach Television Corporation in 1948. Today he still supervises his business interests, capitalising on his old productions and thinking up new schemes.

He is still full of ideas about comedy, and believes Benny Hill could be "the biggest comic in the world today if he was not too much below the belt. Below-the-belt comedy can't get the family audience.

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## All we need is the money

Franc Roddam, founder of Union Pictures, talks to Simon Tait

like reputation, Franc Roddam had reason to believe he could escape the malaise of righteous poverty affecting the British film industry, and a year ago foun-ded Union Pictures, to show what could be done with a little enterprise, bravado and a little money. "Sixty per cent of the film market is American, you have to accept that," Roddam said at the time. "But there's no reason why we shouldn't play Hollywood at its own game."

Seed-funded by the Greater London Enterprise Board for El.2 million, Union had a capital investment scheme built into it designed to accumulate a £50 million fund from City investors. But a year on, recession has tightened its grip. "We're still here, with seven feature scripts, 30 television pieces and a television drama ready to go, but the money never came," Roddam says now. The immediate future for film-makers is with television, but we're only just coming out of the nightmare of franchises."

The BBC has co-produced a film with Union about the Falkiands War, which begins shooting on location next month; and there is also a ten-part documentary series for the BBC about dogs and their roles in our lives. Apart from the BBC, negotiations are still under way on cinema scripts which include a thriller called Trance written by Roddam and Scott Roberts, and a dramatisation of Edith Wharton's Ethan

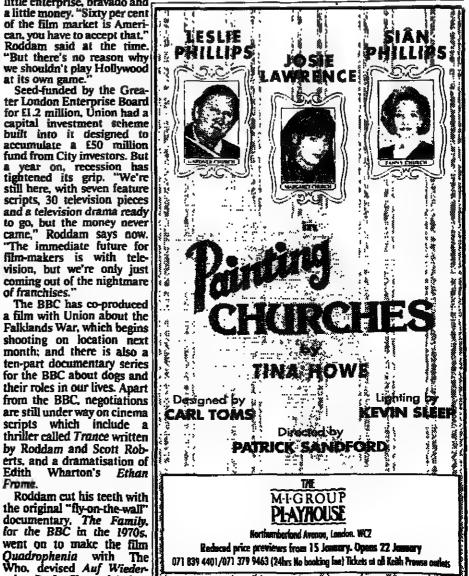
Roddam cut his teeth with the original "fly-on-the-wall" documentary. The Family, for the BBC in the 1970s. went on to make the film sehen Pet for Channel 4, then

the feminist comedy Making Out for BBC 1, and came up ment and industry have been with Master Chef. a television cookery competition which has been sold to six European countries. His film K2 is on release here and has

opened in Germany.

In Britain, both govern-

hamstrung by complacency, Roddam believes. "This is a self-promoting society," he says. "Film-makers have to go where they can for finance, with scripts which have a realistic box office potential."





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## Tradesman's entrée

Philip Howard on fads

in royal marriages

By both her job and her engagement. Lady Helen Windsor has done for the profession of art dealer what her first cousin once removed, Princess Margaret, did for photography in the 1960s. Overnight she has made it appear highly respectable, a "regnabile" occupawithout causing scandal. They even get "a delightful letter" from the Queen, wishing the two young art dealers every happiness.

For an dealer (contemporary, not even Old Masters) to become the fashionable job for the Nineties is as surprising as for Frank Bruno to become a Regius Professor of Greek. Until now. art dealers have had a distinctly shady public image. In opinion polls measuring the relative prestige of occupations, they consistently score very low, just above Members of Parliament. The general impression of art dealer is of a flash and caddishly good looking man wearing a grand old school tie to which he is not entitled, extracting a seller's premium, a buyer's premium, and any other premiums going, attributing paintings with more poetry than scholarship, and speaking with the confident boom of an auctioneer.

he job description came into the English language between the wars. The first reference to art dealers found by the diligent searchers of The Oxford English Dictionary is in the novel. While Rome Burns by Alexander Woollcott, published in 1934. It is unflattering: "The young art dealer was not precisely what would have been called pro-Ally." So soon after the war, you could not say anything ruder than that.

Men have made a living from buying and selling other men's paintings since the agents for the Attic black figure painters of the 6th century BC. Where there's art, there's brass, and dealers who are more interested in brass than paint. But before the recent arrival of the art dealer, they were called connoisseurs, cognoscenti, dilettante and art lovers, with their factors and men of business. The pair who turned art dealing into a profession less than a century ago were Bernard Berenson and Joseph Duveen. The latter ac-quired the titles of knight, baronet, and eventually Baron Duveen, of Millbank, But neither of the rascals was the son of man a royal could conceivably have married. Their lives were piratical and full of scams for separating punters from their money by practices so sharp that you could have shaved a porcupine with them.

Down the centuries the etiquette of royal marriages has changed. In the beginning, royals were pirates themselves, and their marriages were dynastic alliances to extract the maximum advantage of territory and power. When Edward IV bucked the trend by marrying a commoner and a widow who already had children, he brought the kingdom to the brink of civil war from English snobbery and jealousy.

hen the supply of marriageable royals began to dry up, even among German princelings, in the 19th century, it became acceptable for a British royal to marry outside the magic circle. But he needed to be a member of the old aristocracy, with land, or a large marriage settlement, if she were a woman. include the services, preferably the Royal Navy. or the Guards or a smart cavalry regiment. or. because of the Queen Mother's connection, the Black Watch. Definitely not the Gunners or the RAF. It was his captaincy in the 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards, rather than his horsey preoccupations, which made captain Mark Phillips an acceptable mate for Princess Anne.

Trade was beyond the pale for royal marriages until Lady Helen's aunt. Princess Alexandra, married the Hon Angus Ogilvy, who collects directorships as other men collect parking tickets. But in addition to his business interests. Ogilvy passed the test of belonging to the old

landed aristocracy with flying pipe banners.
It has always been easier for male royals to marry "down" than for females. King Cophetua started it by marrying the beggar-maid Penelophon, whom Shakespeare, with typical carelessness, mis-named Zenelophone. The Prince of Wales married a kindergarten teacher. his brother, the Duke of York, married a publisher who was not even a Sloane but a Soanly "S'only ten minutes across the river to Sloane Square"). Certain occupations are still beyond the pale, but if art dealers are now OK and yeah, the latest thing, can insurance sales reps and garage owners and journalists be far behind?

Peter Stothard in Washington counts the cost of the president's fainting fit in an election year

President Bush decided be-fore Christmas that his Far-Eastern trip would home, and so it has proved. Americans awoke yesterday to see — for the second time in nine months - their president collapsed among secret servicemen

and doctors

A day which was supposed to parade Mr Bush standing strong in defence of jobs and free trade ended by showing him on his back. In the White House, where Mr Bush's main advisers have remained this week planning his re-election strategy, the impact was immediate. Those gifted with instant hindsight (always a large group among political professionals) suggested that if Mr Bush had felt so unwell before the banquet as seemed to be the case, he should not have gone. Far better, they argued, to offend the Japanese than provide fodder for more important enemies. For the new chief of staff, Samuel Skinner, however, it was not his decision to make. The damage had been done: the Pictures of a mildly sick Presi-

Is Bush a lame duck? presidential face, as grey and crumpled as the presidential jacket, had been seen by mildent Carter became a metaphor for the failings of his administration, as did his encounter on a boat trip with the so-called "killer rabbit". Both incidents lions. In Tokyo. Mr Bush was in the hands of his doctors. In Washington, the first test of Mr Skinner's crisis-management

were trivial in themselves, but

both reinforced a sense that

but, with the election looming

nearer now, it is critical for the

skills, honed mostly until now in something was wrong at the top. Presidential illness can also be used to highlight fears about a vice-presidential succession. Adlai Stevenson tried that tactic the smoky backrooms of Chicago, was to make sure the political virus did not spread. Vice-President Dan Quayle was contacted by telephone. But after President Eisenhower's he did not come directly to the heart-attack in 1956, hoping the spectre of Richard Nixon west wing. The desired image was "business as usual", and Mr might help his cause. It did not — but the idea did not die. Last May, after Mr Bush suffered his Skinner's first job was to make sure it looked that way. While reporters gathered in ever greatfamous arrial fibrillation while er numbers in the White House jogging with security staff, there press room, Mr Skinner put on the fitness of Mr Quayle to his calmest face. Meanwhile, the political im-plications were up for analysis. succeed him. Since then Mr Quayle's reputation has risen, and the president's has fallen

handled) with care. Yesterday Mr Quayle prepared for a scheduled campaign trip to New Hampshire, where

he and the president face a right-wing challenge from America First" columnist Parrick Buchanan. The president's age and health are not likely to be an issue in that contest; more significant is the whether the challenge encourages Mr Bush to adopt new policy positions. But there was quiet satisfaction yesterday in the camp of Mr Bush's most likely Democrat challenger in November, Arkansas governor Bill Clinton, who at 45 parades an aggressively youthful appeal.

No Democrat would want to exploit the video-footage of the stumbling, grey-faced president — yet. Yesterday's morning news will go into the archives. But if the campaign gets as dressed up in the language of legitimate concern' Republican rivals of the presi-

dent need to be even more care-ful how they exploit the banquet scene of their national political drama. A few hours before his collapse. Mr Bush repeated his standard answer to the question of when he would announce his formal decision to run for reelection in November. Only his health would stop him. he said.
If his health did indeed stop him, the Republican field would

probably contain several from the president's close entourage, with the Secretary of State. James Baker, and the Defence Secretary. Richard Chency 10 the fore. The conservative cabinet member Jack Kemp, who has publicly disagreed with the White House on a range of political and economic issues, would probably also be there, alongside the Texas senator Pn:

If medical reports continue to exercise their fascination for American voters, this may count against Mr Cheney who has had heart surgery. Commentators have watched with wonder as the former cancer sufferer. Democrat Paul Tsongas has stumped his way around the primary circuit, answering questions about his health with invitations to join him in long-distance swims. But if he looked a serious contender, wonder might turn to scepticism.

No one, however, was foolish enough even to hint yesterday at the "I'm in charge" message which Alexander Haig ried after the assassination attempt on President Reagan in 1981 This is a time for subtle positioning, a reconsideration by moderare Senator Robert Dole perhaps of his options to reure. The president may only have gastric flu, but the stomach, as an early anatomist once put it, can be either "a mill, a fermenting wine vat or a stewpan". So too Washington.

# The real tiny-Trot tendency

Bernard Levin examines the career of a cradle-to-grave revolutionary

ere is the record of another lost cause; but one so delightful that it turns into pure poetry. You do not have to be a Telegraph reader, or even a former one, to know of the man who goes under the pen-name of Peter Simple the is really Michael Wharton): his fame has spread widely, and rightly. For very many years he wrote five times a week in the daily, and still writes, albeit now only once a week, in the Sunday. In that time he has built a cast

of characters to inhabit his palace of grotesques: so convincing did they become over the years that they seemed more real than the real people whose doings filled the rest of the paper. Each of the characters reflected the absurdity of some aspect of modern times, and many of the more ridiculous or obstreperous of them were plainly based on real people. In this gallery there was one called Ken Flabb, always intro-

duced as "the grenade-draped Ken Flabb", to delineate his throw the capitalist system and all that sail in it. But the point was that Flabb was a student indeed the oldest student in the land (I think that when he was last heard from he was in his forties) — and he was still behaving like one, doing noth-ing but immerse himself in every left-wing body or activity, ready to rush off at any moment when there was a call for volunteers to organise demos, sit-ins and banner-waving marches; in the rare pauses from his more noisy activities Flabb could be seen on street corners selling the pamphlets of the Socialist Workers Party. I forget how Flabb managed to avoid actually taking his finals as the years went by.

Well, now; the splendid truth is that Flabb has come to life, for there really is a man who seems to be and do what the imaginary figure was and did. He is a Mr Kostick, and he has pledged himself to replace the present order with a Trotskyite one. The existence of this heroic figure, hitherto unsuspected by any but his Trotskyite comrades (and it is possible that he went under a nom de guerre even among them), was revealed when he carelessly left his diary at a student demo in Birmingham; the Daily Mail found and promulgated it, thus ensuring that when Mr Kostick and his comrades come to power, the Mail will be even more thoroughly expropriated than the rest of the capitalist press.

All campaign managers have

had to become accustomed to

the use and abuse of medicine,

assume that the diary in which he records his activities is a Revolutionary's Diary, akin to the vast variety of specialised daily reminders you can get in any good stationers — the Fly-Fisherman's Diary, the Tennis Diary and dozens more — and if so, its pages must be strewn with such items as Bukharin's birthday, the anniversary of the Tolpuddle Martyrs, the dates of prospective demos in the com-ing year, Karl Marx Day, and special offers of megaphones. Tshirts with Trotsky's face, banand marbles (for throwing under the hooves of horses when the police charge).

It seems from the diary that Mr Kostick does virtually nothing but travel from one university or polytechnic to another, seeking uproar and joining in when it is found; Coventry, Wolverhampton, Warwick, Birmingham — he speeds from one seat of learning to another, tireless in the lost cause of persuading the nation's youth to set out, in the name of Trotsky, on the Long March to the nationalisation of the means of production, distribution and exchange, to secure the workers by hand or

brain the fruits of their labours. It is not quite clear whether Mr Kostick comes into the category of a worker by hand or by brain: possibly a bit of both, though much of his actual income (a commendably modest one) comes from neither, for he is apparently not above taking



his right to social security from the hated state which he is pledged to bring to its knees as soon as the downtrodden millions are ready to march. Presumably, he is 100 busy to line up at the labour exchange (as I am sure he would robustly call it, eschewing the feeble modern mer Britain, signing death war-version "job centre"), or perhaps rants for people like me, but

he has found that there are few, even he would have to admit if any, openings for agitators on the books.

It is difficult to withhold at least a modicum of admiration from Mr Kostick. Of course, one day he will be a very big wheel in the Troskyite Republic of For-

that The Day comies closer only very slowly. Yet he does not waver in his agitating; for him it is agitate, agitate, agitate, all summer long. There is a rather gloomy ditty in the IRA songbook (which reminds me - not content to do his agitating solely

'Bubbles'

yeals that he has been to Troops Out gatherings, and even railies of pensioners, ordinary strikers and poll-tax marchers), which begins like this:

Your work allows no time for rest. The longest life is the merest span. Your cause the bravest, noblest, best That e'er inspired the heart of man.

I do not imagine that Mr Kostick goes to posh dinnerparties chez the bourgeoiste, but ust suppose for a moment that he finds himself in Belgrave Square, togged up uncomfortably in a soup-and-lish rented from Moss Bros. The lady seated next to Mr Kostick turns to him and says "And what do you do?" She would be rather startled if the reply was "actually I'm an agitator", though she would not lose her composure (the women of the bourgeoisie are bred strong) and would say "Oh. I must come and see you doing it one of these days," before turning to the gentleman on her

o farther back; imagine the Kostick home and hearth. Here is the infant Kostick and the kindly visitor: "And what do you want to be when you grow up, little fellow?" A high-pitched but determined voice pipes up: "An agitator, sues, followed by a nervous laugh on the part of young Kos-"I'm sure he doesn't get it from my side of the family." But we can trace his rise all the way to his present eminence as the Nation's Greatest Agitator: infant school, primary school. polytechnic (no class-ridden university for him), and agitating all the way, from agitation in the infants' class over the squeaky chalk used by teacher at the blackboard writing "The cat sat on the mat", to agitation over the refusal of the polytechnic governors to throw out the syllabus and replace it with a course of nothing but Trotskyism.

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Perhaps you don't know the one about the young man in New York who stops a passer-by and says "How do I get to Carnegie Hall?" The man he asked shrugs and says: "Practice, practice, practice, practice," No doubt Mr Kostick did precisely that.

## ...and moreover CRAIG BROWN

ver since the publication of Mr Wu and Mrs Stitch: The Letters of Evelyn Waugh and Diana Cooper, 1 have been pestered to publish my own small treasure trove of major figures of the time, all written in the same week, a week in which, after a period of strenuous relaxation, she grad-ually became set on the idea of getting out of bed.

May 15, 1937, Darling Elly!. Uterly but uterly exorsted there is nothing more exorsting don't you find, than lying in bed all day forcing oneself to sip champagne worrying about neglecting one's imbroydairy imbroadrey - embrawd neglecting one's sewing. At least one has the consolation that one is ador'd, but adoration can be so very trying. I am struggling through a long long book by poor, foolish Marcel Proust very French — which my butler recites a trifle too slowly for my must bear. I yearn to be out of bed shortly. Yrs Diana.

May 16, 1937. Dearest Po-Po<sup>2</sup>. Bitterly disappointed that you haven't seen fit to correspond for three days. You were so very, very hostile at our last meeting at my belov d Vatican. saying you couldn't spare even ten minutes of your time to admire my new hat as you had to conduct Mass for three thousand in St Peter's. Don't you like my new hat. Po-Po? Do those tassies bother you, perhaps. and, if so, couldn't you have toothbrush. This morning I

come straight out with it? As you know I'm so terrible funlabel vulnable - venerable to being let down by friends. Today, I placed my right foot out of bed, and managed to don a slipper, but I am not by nature the outward-bound sort, so I return'd to bed and my thorts. Yr belov'd Diana.

May 17, 1937. Darlingest Milhy, I would so very much like to begin a political correspondence with you. When young, I loved democrazy, but I never saw it, except on bank holidays at the castle, and the children were kept indoors so as not to catch disease and lice. My dicktum has long been "For-ward with the People". "For-ward Charteris". I say, and the kitchen maid steps forward per-fectly happily. You know. Milly. I have so much to contribute to our democrazy, esp. my thorts but also my hats. Can one stand for Parliament from bed or must one get up? It is years since I spotted a decent hat on the Conservative benches, and this surely must be remedied. If poss., do be a poppet and arrange my election and I will adore you forever. All love D.

May 18, 1937. Dear, Darling Tonis, Boofy says that Toofy asked Goofy to marry Poofy, but Poofy prefers Hoofy who is married to Boofy, who says that Toofy asked Goofy to marry Poofy. I was delighted to receive your new slim vol., Of Ponies and Peonies. 1 will have Hardcastle read it to me when

almost managed to get out of bed, but was held back by a weight of adoration arriving by the first post. Why don't my admirers realise that I am a very busy Lady, with four pillows to plump before nightfall. Never-theless, I am ditermined to take some exercise, so I have had Blunders bring me a selection of large-brimmed hats, which I shall have Charteris place on and off my head for a half-hour, when I shall retire uterly exorssed. Peek-a-Boo Diana.

May 19, 1937. Darling Choo-Choos. Miserable all day and in complete purgatory after three helty crumbs from my breakfast toast lodged themselves on my pillow. By a cruel stroke of fate, Hardcastle was away on an errand, delivering the day's en-velopes for licking by Blunders in the basement. Before he arrived back the three crumbs had been joined by a fourth Rarely have I known such anxiety. At least I now feel I can share in the sufering of the homeless and the out-of-work. about whom we are expected to read so much these days and I shall mention this in my election address. Tomorrow, I plan to emerge from bed as I have a tremendous backlog of flowers to arrange. Exorsting work, of course, but my admirers expect it of their, and your, darling

T.S. Eliot. poet.
 Pope Plus XI. Pontall.
 Harold Macmillan, policiese, laser prime.

#### Right regal snub

THE Queen, it is understood, is not amused. The owners of the most famous portrait of Her Majesty Elizabeth II have refused permission for it to be included in the exhibition due to open in April as part of the celebrations to mark her 40 years on the throne.

Pietro Annigoni's 1955 portrait remains the most popular image of Elizabeth II ever committed to canvas. As it has been reproduced on countless stamps throughout the Commonwealth, there can hardly be a subject who is not

familiar with the picture. Yet those visiting the Sovereign exhibition at the V & A. will have to make do with a copy. The owners of the original painting, the Worshipful Company of Fishmongers, have refused pleas from the trustees organising the anniversary celebrations to lend it.

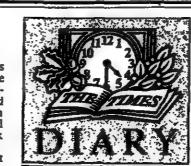
The refusal has "astonished and disappointed" the curator. John Julius Norwich. "The Annigoni is the most important picture ever painted of the Queen. It is very disappointing. I cannot under-stand their decision." The Fishmongers' reply to Norwich says it is "against policy to loan pictures under any circumstances". Norwich then enlisted the aid of Buckingham Palace which also wrote to the Fishmongers. "We made it clear there was no objection to them lending the picture." says a

The Fishmongers remained unmoved. Ronald Montgomery. always the risk of damage."

steward of the company, says: This has been our policy. There is Fortunately there is a copy, currently in the British embassy in

Rome. Few visitors to the ex-

hibition will notice the difference,



but that is hardly the point Annigoni died in 1988, but would surely have enjoyed the row. When he first received the commission he knew nothing of the City's liveried companies and assumed it was a practical joke. A friend explained the Fishmongers' significance and Annigoni retrieved the commissioning letter from the waste-paper basket.

 So an IRA gang got away with £2 million in a raid on Allied Irish Banks in Waterford. The bank's motto is "You bring out the best in us". They certainly did.

### Euro sizes

EUROPE may be a long way off agreement on political union, but unity has agreed in at least one area: the size of the Eurocondom. The EC-approved condom will go on sale in 1994. As with all attempts at harmonisation, agree-ment was not reached without a fight. This time it was not Britain that was the odd man out, but Italy, which attempted to torpedo the agreement by trying to ban domestic sales of sheaths which ex-

ceeded a width of 2.06 inches. Brussels would have none of it. The objections amounted to a barrier to pan-European trade," the Commission said yesterday.

Italy has reluctantly capitulated leaving Europeans with a choice of sizes and styles. Even the Com-mission, it seems, accepts that harmonisation can be taken too far.

### Ouick switch

HOW did the broadcasters and yesterday's newspapers come to misquote John Major when he described the doom and gloom merchanis as "dismal Jimmies"? With the exception of the Daily Express, every report quoted the prime minister as attacking the dismal Johnnies".

The error was understandable. The pre-released Downing Street



text clearly had the word "Johnnies" rather than "Jimmies". His speechwriters seemed unaware of the danger of opponents seizing on "dismal Johnny" as a nickname for the prime minister himself. Major, however, was more alert, and made a hasty change during

his speech on Tuesday night. By luck Major's quick thinking also meant he got the allusion right. For while "dismal Johnny" has no historical antecedent, the

broadcaster Michael Parkinson discovered yesterday that the original "dismal limmy" was a real character: Admiral of the Fleet, James the first Baron Gambier. The admiral was an incompetent commander of the Channel Fleet who distinguished himself by missing the chance to destroy the French fleet in the Basque Roads in 1808. That and a combination of his opposition to drinking on board were more than enough to earn him the epithet and a place alongside Moaning Minnie in 20th-century Tory demonology.

### Letter post

THE prime minister has parted company with a key member of his backroom staff only months before the general election. Stephen Yorke, the prime minister's cor-respondence secretary, who has power of attorney over replying to the thousands of letters which pour into Downing Street every week, has been replaced.
The prime minister expects all

letters, however cranky, to be answered. Even cranks, after all, have votes. The post is regarded as 50 sensitive that Judith Chaplin. Major's political secretary, has invited Nigel Hawkins, Mrs Tharcher's former aide, to assist. He has returned on a part-time basis to advise Laura Adshead, who took over the correspondence role this week. Adshead has also consulted The Times' own Matthew Parris. who handled Mrs Thatcher's correspondence when she was leader of the Opposition. Parris, after all, knows all about the job's pitfalls. His 1979 advice to a couple living in damp council house accommoding dation to think themselves lucky they had a roof over their heads was distributed as a leaflet by the Labour party to homes on council

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## TEST OF SCOTTISH STEEL

The only legitimate complaint that can be laid against British Steel's decision yesterday to close the Ravenscraig steel works in Scotland is that it has been too long delayed. Ravenscraig, a product of the interventionist policies of the Macmillan years, should probably never have been built. Any remaining rationale for its existence disappeared when the car plants which it was meant to supply were closed in the 1980s. Yet it was allowed to stagger on, though subject to a series of salarni cuts that has reduced the remaining workforce to 1,150 from some 13,000 in its heyday.

Its survival was entirely political. Never mind that British Steel has been privatised: successive Scottish secretaries have seen it as their right to meddle with its commercial decisions. In 1984, George Younger gave a most unwise pledge that, subject to commercial considerations, the plant had ten more years left. More recently, Malcolm Rifkind threatened resignation if Ravenscraig went and his timorous colleagues gave way. Yes-terday it was being said that Ravenscraig would have survived even now if the government had a stronger Scottish secretary.

The reverse is more nearly the truth. Ian-Lang, the current incumbent, is the first Scottish secretary with the strength of conviction to stand up to knee jerk opinion north of the Border and the tendency to blame Scotland's every unhappiness on insensitive Sassenachs. Truly those who yesterday wrung their hands are the "dismal Jimmies" of whom the prime minister complained on Tuesday,

Overall unemployment in the United Kingdom is up by a third since the current rise started in March 1990, while in Scotland, the increase is 10 per cent. So while unemployment in Scotland is still above the United Kingdom average, the gap is narrow and, more significantly, narrowing. Ravenscraig was examined by consultants for the Scottish Development Agency last year, who said it had no prospects.

The arguments for dosure now — at the bottom of an economic cycle before industrialists start looking round for the sites and skills for their next expansion - are overwhelming. The recession, particularly in

the motor industry, is longer and deeper than expected; and as a result there is far too much steel capacity in Europe. In 1989/90 British Steel made £565 million profit before tax; in 1990/91, £194 million, and in the first six months of 1991/2, £19 million. When a large loss looms the company cannot afford the luxury of unneeded plant. In any case, even if the government wanted to subsidise Ravenscraig the competition department of the European Commission would surely stop it from doing so.

These are harsh economic facts. They do not mean that sympathy is not due to the steelworkers, who, like some 200,000 of their predecessors in the industry, now find that it can no longer use their skills. Fortunately their future prospects need not be grim. Corby and Consett are both now reasonably prosperous towns, despite steel closures which cost many more jobs than will go in Ravenscraig. Shotton, another example, has just attracted the new Toyota engine plant.

John Major was right to assure the people of Ravenscraig yesterday that the govern-ment would not "abandon" Lanarkshire, and would set up an enterprise zone for the region. Labour too needs to say what it has in mind. The rundown is to be phased over nine months, which would theoretically give an incoming Labour government the chance to intervene. Yesterday, Gordon Brown. Labour's industry spokesman, huffed and puffed but resisted giving a commitment to reverse the decision. That he should continue to do so is an acid test of whether Labour really has purged itself from its past devotion to propping up smokestack industry. Sad though Ravenscraig's demise will be, any party which intervened to reprieve the works would thereby show itself unfit to be trusted with Britain's industrial future.

peacemaking. If the UN forces are to deter the many military groups on both sides who

are beyond the control of Serb, Croat and

federal political and military authorities, they

may still need to be more heavily armed than

the UN now envisages. They may also need

naval and air support to prevent precisely the

kind of airborne violations of the ceasefire

conditions that occured on Tuesday and to

keep the Yugoslav federal navy firmly in port.

This operation must on no account be

suspended, as was the EC mission. The

troops thust be able to defend themselves and

separate combatants if necessary. But this is

not incompatible with deployment well

before the end of this month. There is no

guarantee that the present filmsy consensus

within Yugoslavia on their deployment will

Pending the EC decision on recognition,

expected next week, the Croats have an

interest in playing ball. Slobodan Milosevic,

the Serbian leader, faces a growing Serbian

anti-war movement and wants to avoid

international sanctions. Most of the main-

stream federal army commanders want a

UN-patrolled ceasefire: But the army is split,

Mr Milosevic is being defied with growing confidence by radical Serbian nationalists in

Croatia and northern Bosnia and some army

units could side with them. Time is not on

Britain, as current security council presi-

dent, has a special responsibility to speed up

the timetable. Its authority might be en-

hanced if the government were to reconsider

its insistence on limiting its own UN

contribution to signalling and commun-

ications and logistical support, stopping short of frontline troops. Mr Hurd's argu-

ment that Britain has done more than its

share of peacekeeping over the years, notably

in Cyprus, may be fair but is beside the point.

even-handedness in this conflict qualifies it

better than, for example. Italy for frontline

duties. France has offered 4,000 frontline

and 2,500 support troops. The government

insists that election year has nothing to do

with the limitations it has set. Mr Hurd has

been admirably insistent on the need for

rapid UN action. He should consider setting

a weightier example of Britain's practical

commitment to peace in Yugoslavia.

Of the EC members, Britain's determined

the side of peace.

hold, any more than the ceasefire.

## **COMMITMENT TO PEACE**

Nothing can excuse the shooting down over Yugoslavia of the EC monitors clearly marked helicopter. But nothing could be less astonishing. The vulnerability of the EC. monitors, whose operations were temporarily suspended yesterday morning, has been evident at least since the siege of Dubrovnik. The new UN secretary-general, Boutros Boutros Ghali, is right to conclude that this incident "vividly demonstrates" the need to speed up UN peacekeeping efforts.

The one flaw in Cyrus Vance's otherwise admirable plans for dispatching a UN peacekeeping force is his insistence that a ceasefire must first be seen to be clearly established. That requirement has always been an invitation to whatever faction wanted the peace process to fail to stage an incident. The encouraging feature of this latest incident is that none of the main political actors now appears to want that to happen. The prompt apology and promised enquiry by Yugoslav federal authorities indicates anxiety to repair the damage. And support for UN intervention is gaining, not

losing, ground in the UN Security Council. The UN, however, is a body notorious for making haste slowly. The British, presiding over the security council this month, are confident that the UN's advance group of some 50 UN military liaison officers will be in position by Friday. Their job will be to monitor the withdrawal of federal forces from Croatia. But no date has been set for the further security council resolution which would be required for the deployment of the main 10,000-strong peacekeeping contingent. The two operations, together with Lord Carrington's efforts to hammer out a political solution, should be seen as linked elements of a single strategy. It is therefore disturbing that the national composition of these forces and even the approximate date

of their arrival remain matters of conjecture. Most of the practical as well as the diplomatic preconditions for early deployment have been met, including the question of who will pay for this latest UN operation. The forces will have two main components: military "police" carrying sidearms to patrol with the local police to protect civilians, and

military units with armoured cars and helicopters to monitor the ceasefire. The emphasis is on peacekeeping, not

## WHERE'S THE BEEF?

In a typical Russian fairy story a golden cockerel appears to a peasant family just as things are at their worst. Hunger looms, the old mother is ill, the father out of work, the young ones about to be sold into servitude. The bird plucks a magic feather from his tail, which brings a shower of money in its wake. The family, overjoyed at its fortune, lives in

plenty evermore. Not so, it seems, in Russia today. Winter is at its frozen harshest. The shops are empty, the rulers weak, the money all gone, Suddenly from over the ocean a bird of salvation appears, bringing in its belly 120 tons of prime British beef fresh from an EC cold store. But this fairy tale has an altogether more Soviet ending. The bird alights at Moscow airport, and is met by busybody bureaucrats waving books of regulations and demanding, with palms outstretched, veterinary certificates and

health dearances. The bird, ured and laden, flies to the far north, to Murmansk. Great is the rejoicing among the cold and hungry. The strongest men, in smart army uniforms, are sent to unload the precious cargo. Eagerly they ask: is it for us? But when they hear it is destined

for the needy their hearts harden, their efforts slacken and they melt into the snow.

Wise men and women are now sent from

foreign capitals and laboratories in greenest Britain: in vain they plead and argue. In vain the minister barks that she has better ways of spending time and money. At last inspectors arrive to seize control of the meat that has brought nothing but quarrelling. They open the doors - and lo! the beef has disappeared.

Little Masha and Misha, hearing this tale, shrug. Life was ever thus in Russia. Over the waters, however, the tale brings scowls to those whose hearts had once been wrung. In Bonn, they tell of medicines and babyfood purloined by the lorryload. In London, old tales revive about emptying a cornucopia into Russia's fathomless wastes. In future, they say, the Aeroflot birds cannot be trusted to deliver the goods, and only stalwart soldiers of Nato forces can ensure that the needy receive what they are promised.

Luckily, the tale has a sequel. The wicked bureaucrats finally relented, insisting that their mischief had only been to protect the needy from disease and allay the envy of others. The mean soldiers were disciplined. And most of the meat was found, safely locked in a warehouse and ready for processing into sausage. More flights will now wing their way with more relief, and Russia's hungry may eat again. But the EC's golden cockerel will watch its feathers in future as carefully as rich men count their spoons.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Making up for lost economic and monetary ground

From Professor David Currie and Mr Geoffrey Dicks

Sir. Professor Tim Congdon and others (letter, January 7) - we think of them as "the Liverpool Six" - wrge the government to abandon the exchange-rate mechanism (ERM) after only 15 months, allowing sterling to float downwards, while simultaneously cutting interest rates with a view to terminating the recession.

We do not deny that the economy is in serious recession but the government should ignore this counsel. Unfortunately, within the UK context, there appears to be no way other than recession of bringing inflation and the current-account deficit to acceptable levels: would that it were otherwise.

To bring interest rates down would require a sharp depreciation of sterling: the consequent rise in import prices would raise inflation sharply. At a time when UK inflation has already bonomed out at a level still above our main European competitors this policy would raise inflation again, throwing away the prize for the pain of the past year. Companies trading internationally would face major additional uncertainty from the floating exchange rate. Even in terms of political expediency the advice is bad: markets and the electorate will see the action as a last desperate twist of

policy.

The Liverpool Six do not argue for the politically more realistic option of a devaluation of sterling within the ERM. In this they are right. Markets would expect one devaluation to be followed by another to accommodate higher inflation and would demand higher interest rates to compensate for this risk. The consequence would be a tightening of the monetary squeeze on UK companies and consumers at the same time as a lower exchange rate raised inflationary pressure.

The Six argue that floating the exchange rate would not damage the credibility of policy, since they consider this to be almost non-existent. This ignores the fact that credibility of UK membership of the ERM has built up rapidly over the 15 months

Fame at last

From Mr Victor Silvester, Inc

can aspire (letters, December 26, 28,

January 2, 4).

My late father (Victor Silvester, OBE, 1900-78) was the second son of the Vicar of Wembley and, while

he was never chosen as an exhibit in

Madame Tustaud's, he did qualify

in other categories mentioned: he

was the subject of This is your Life

and Desert Island Discs, and was

(although not a Christmas edition).

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Towards the end of his life he was

also a guest at a private luncheon at

Buckingham Palace with Her Maj-

esty the Queen, Prince Philip, Prince

Charles and Princess Anne. He

treasured the memory of that occa-

sion as the highlight of his long and

Sir. A former chairman of mine

reckoned that he had "arrived" when

he received an invitation from the

then Governor to open a personal account with the Bank of England.

Sir, Might not immediate election to

membership of the MCC be now

Sir, Philip Howard examines in

detail journalistic cliches ("... and

moreover". January 4), but can

anyone tell me why the score (sport

not music) has now become the

score-line and the story the story-

VICTOR SILVESTER, Jnr.

77 Boydell Court, St John's Wood Park, NW8.

From Mr B. R. Berkeley

eventful life.

January 4.

Yours faithfully

Yours faithfully,

B. R. BERKELEY.

Highmoor House,

Yours faithfully.

JOHN STOBART.

Coining clichés

From Mr H. J. Belsev

Yours truly.

January 4.

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H. J. BELSEY.

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4 Bromley Lane,

Chistehurst, Kent.

The church's role

From the Reverend Michael

Sir, The Reverend I. Merchant

Williams (letter, December 26) and

Sir James Cobban (letter, December

certainly been responsible for much

hasty, ill-conceived legislation. May I

quote but one example, the Patron-

unanimous approval by two parish

representatives (usually church-

wardens) of a patron's nominee for

the post of incumbent of a benefice.

Consequently, one dissenting

churchwarden out of eight in a four-

parish benefice can thwart an

appointment that may obviously be

the right one.

age (Benefices) Measure 1986?

From Mr John Stobart

considered a great accolade?

24 Finborough Road, SW10.

since entry, as the rapid narrowing of independent central bank, whether the differential between UK and at a national level or as part of a German interest rates bears witness. Abandoning the ERM would jeopardise this hard-won credibility.

The Six's preferred alternative of monetary targeting failed in the 1980s to give the same credibility. parity as a consequence of financial liberalisation, and there is no reason to suppose it will in the 1990s: after all, the Six cannot agree amongst themselves as to whether to target a narrow or broad monetary aggregate.

Yours faithfully DAVID CURRIE, GEOFFREY DICKS, London Business School, Centre for Economic Forecasting, Sussex Place, Regent's Park, NW1.

From Professor F. H. Hahn, FBA, and Mr M. R. Weale

Sir. While we do not believe that targeting the money stock is a sensible approach to economic management, there is much with which we agree in the views of Professor Congdon and his colleagues. We do not understand why critics of exchange-rate adjustment describe changes in exchange rates as "quick fixes".

Suppose that the real exchange rate is 10 per cent too high. This can be corrected by a depreciation, or alternatively by a deflationary policy designed to reduce prices and wages by 10 per cent relative to those of our competitors. If the level of employment has to be depressed by I per cent below the level which would have otherwise held in order to bring prices down by 1 per cent in one year, then output equal of 10 per cent of one year's production will be lost by a refusal to depreciate.

This figure is probably an under-estimate rather than an overestimate, but are the costs of devaluing really as much as the £50 billion which may be lost by not

In 1946 the Bank of England was nationalised in order to prevent a repetition of the slump of 1931. There is a grave risk that an

monetary union, would lead us back to the sort of policies abandoned 60 years ago by Montagu Norman.

Yours faithfully. F. H. HAHN. M. R. WEALE. University of Cambridge. Faculty of Economics and Politics, Austin Robinson Building, Sidgwick Avenue, Cambridge. January 7.

From Mr Morgan Rix

Sir. Sir Geoffrey Howe (letter. January 4) fails to mention that, prior to his becoming Chancellor, the Exchequer had no income from North Sea oil; all oil was imported.

Soon after 1980 Britain became self-sufficient in oil and the Chancellor was given a bonanza that provided much of the economic growth to which he refers.

The strong petro-currency pound was made even stronger by his hoisting interest rates to record levels, whilst inflation increased under the impact of higher VAT and nationalised-industry price in-

At that time British manufacturing export industry was faced with two heavy increased costs - 20 per cent inflation, plus a 20 per cent increase in the value of the pound sterling. Large manufacturing exporters were unable to compete in world markets because of the sharply increased cost to importers. Our overseas compeniors gained the business and one after another our manufacturing exporters went out of business. The British machine-tool industry is one example.

Neverthelesss, in the early 1980s the government was able to boast a balance-of-payments surplus, provided by increasing North Sea oil receipts. When they were no longer able to provide the surplus, manufacturing capacity was no longer available to make up the balance.

Yours faithfully, M. H. RIX, 13 Berkley Court, Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire. January 5.

### Libel law reform

From Mr P. F. Carter-Ruck Sir. Your correspondents (January 8) Sir. Your correspondents discuss the highest unofficial honour to which an ordinary citizen in this country

mainly direct their fire against misuse of the libel laws by Robert Maxwell. If, however, the reforms advocated by Tom Welsh (letter, December 30) and your leader (January 2) were implemented they would provide effective cover against abuse of this branch of the law.

In fact, Tom Welsh's recommendation, which I support, was first proposed by the joint working party of Justice and the International Press insulute under the challing ship of Lord Shawcross in 1965.

That committee unanimously recommended, inter alia, that there should be a statutory defence of qualified privilege for newspapers in respect of the publication of matters of public interest where the publication is made in good faith, without malice, and is based upon evidence which might reasonably be believed to be true, provided that the defendant has published, upon request, a reasonable letter or statement by way of explanation or contradiction and withdrawn any inaccurate statements, with an apology if appro-

priate to the circumstances. The Irish Law Reform Commis-

Keeping in touch From Miss Jane M. Reynolds

Sir, I am sorry Mrs Mitchell (letter. January 7) does not like receiving computer print-out commentaries on the senders' family lives.

1 am the carer of two elderly parents, each with a number of relatives and friends who like to keep in touch, It would be impossible for me to respond to every Christmas or greeting card with an individual etter on their behalf and retain time during the day for all the other duties

which come my way.

Also, should I be obliged to communicate bad news of illness. deterioration in health, or possibly death, the number of times this would have to be written would be very depressing for me, let alone the recipient.

A computer print-out letter may seem impersonal, but can be a great help in maintaining a cheerful outlook in the face of depressing circumstances. Yours faithfully

JANE REYNOLDS, Sandal, 68 Firs Road, West Mersea, Colchester, Essex. January 7.

Compare that requirement of unanimity with the fact that in vastly serious matters belonging to the criminal courts a majority verdict of

the jury may be accepted.

The 1986 measure also means that non-professionals (parish representatives) sit in judgment over the 30) from opposing viewpoints call for a review of the General Synod. It has professional competence of a clergyman after meeting him for 20 minutes as the patron's candidate for the incumbency. This situation is akin to clergy sitting in judgment over the professional competence of This measure requires in effect the someone qualified in medicine. This is something the clergy would never

presume to do.

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not proceeded with after a period of six or 12 months should automatically be struck out, which you mention in your article, was also firstrecommended by Lord Shawcross's committee in 1965. That committee also recom-

sion's recommendation that writs

mended that the Court of Appeal should be given power to vary damages awarded by a jury in the same way as it is entitled to vary an award of damages made by a judge. It was not until 25 years after that

report and 15 years after the report of Sir Neville Faulks's committee that this recommendation took its · 277 Old Farm Avenue, iong-delayed place on the statute book by virtue of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990.

Both the Shawcross and the Faulks committees recommended that fair and accurate contemporaneous reports of foreign judicial and parliamentary proceedings published in a newspaper should be protected by qualified privilege, another proposed reform which is long overdue.

Yours faithfully, PETER F. CARTER-RUCK, Peter Carter-Ruck and Partners (Solicitors). 75 Shoe Lane, EC4. January 8.

'Weaving the Web'

From Mr Piers Paul Read Sir. Bishop Konstant's defence (letter. January 8) of Weaving the Web. a series of resource books for re-ligious education, will baffle Catholics quite as much as the course itself. Words have meaning, in whatever 'literary form" they are presented. A distinction can be made between fact and fiction but statements about the Christian religion cannot be true in one context and false in another.

It is reassuring to know that in the diocese of Westminster Cardinal Hume has asked for a new syllabus for religious education. One may still wonder why he has recognised this need more than five years after Weaving the Web was first pub-

lished. It would be more reassuring still if our Catholic bishops would themselves point to the false teaching so well described by Father Marsden (report, January 1) and order its

removal from Catholic schools. Yours sincerely, PIERS PAUL READ. 50 Portland Road, W11.

Here is something to which the General Synod could usefully turn its attention. Indeed, the official report of the church. Faith in the Countryside, section 8:60, recommends that "the operation of the Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986, particu-

larly in rural areas, be reviewed". Provision would sensibly be made to allow for a majority vote among parish representatives for a patron's nominee and for the requirement that any parish representative acting under the 1986 measure be in possession of a minimum but approved and recognised qualification in theology and church history.

Yours sincerely, MICHAEL BENNETT. Swindon Rectory, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. January 4.

## Timing of attack on Belgrano

From Mr Peter Grosvenor

Sir, I earnestly suggest that Labour MP Tam Dalyell (letter, January 6) reads the forthcoming Channel 4 book by Denys Blakeway, The Falklands War, currently being serialised in the Daily Express, before jumping to any more unwarranted conclusions about the sinking of the

Belgrano. He writes: "War is war. And had the Belgrano been sunk while she was a threat there would have been

no complaint or questions from me." In fact the Belgrano with its Exocet-armed escorts was a threat and a very worrying one to our task force, which was caught in the pincer movement between the Belgrano and the aircraft carrier 25 de Mayo to the north which was armed with Skyhawk aircraft.

This is what Captain Hector Bonzo, commander of the Belgrano, now says about his order to turn

The order was received to return towards a waiting station, not towards the mainland as has been said so many times, and not owards port as has been said on so many other occasions, but to a waiting circle, of which we already had many allocated to us in the South Atlantic.

In short, although the attack on the British had been called off for the time being, it had not been cancelled. Nor was the war Cabinet aware at the time of the sinking that the Belgrano had changed course, and the sinking had already taken place before the then foreign secretary, Francis Pym, had informed London of the new Peruvian peace initiative.

Therefore Mr Dalyell's allegations that the cruiser was torpedoed to kill off the peace talks is exposed as nonsense, likewise his slur on Mrs Thatcher.

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Regrettable as was the loss of 323 Argentine lives, the sinking could well have averted the loss of several thousand British lives in the task force and the failure of our entire mission to liberate the Falkland Islands.

In fact the end of the Belgrano was decisive in eliminating the Argentine navy from the rest of the war.

Yours etc., PETER GROSVENOR (Literary Editor), Daily Express. Ludgate House. 245 Blackfriars Road, SEI. January 6.

From Mr John A. Graham

Sir, I am surprised at the rather academic debate. Surely an enemy warship ceases to be a threat only after it has surrendered or has been

Yours faithfully. JOHN A. GRAHAM, Sidoup, Kent. January 6.

From Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin

Sir, Mr Tam Dalyell is right in one thing, war is war. By coincidence, 50 years ago today HM submarine Upholder sank the Italian submarine Ammiraglio Saint-Bon which was returning from patrol to its base in Palermo. Like the Beigrano, no threat? Yours sincerely. LEWIN. House of Lords. January 6.

#### Killer magpies From Mr R. E. H. Edmonds

Sir, Your third leader on January 3 denies that the recent explosion in the magpie population is to blame for the decline of song birds. The fact is that the staple diet of magpies in the nesting season is the eggs and fledglings of other birds.

Dismayed at seeing these robbers from my bathroom window each morning, vandalising nests and leaving a trail of empty eggshells, I acquired a decoy magnie in a trap last spring and with it caught 22 of the pests.

By the summer, I am glad to say, there was a welcome increase of blackbirds and thrushes in my garden, particularly evident during their dawn and dusk chorus.

Yours faithfully, R. E. H. EDMONDS, Micklefield Hall. Rickmansworth. Hertfordshire. January 4.

Cuts for fat cats?

From Mr Brian Sterry Ashby

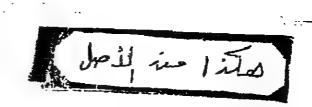
Sir, Mr Matthew Parris ("... and moreover". January 6) puts an excellent case for a "fai tax", a principle I have had in mind for many years. As a consultant surgeon I know very well the nightmare of delving through layers of adiposity to locate and repair or remove the offending

portion of anatomy. When I was younger. I worked for famous surgeon who charged his private patients fees per pound body weight for major operations.

Yours faithfully, **B. STERRY ASHBY** (Consultant surgeon, retired), Keigwin, Mousehole, Penzance, Cornwall.

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### CIRCULAR

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** January 8: This morning The Princess Royal, President, the Royal Yachting Association, attended the London International Boat Show and Annual Royal Yachting Association Luncheon at Earl's Court Exhibition Centre.

Mrs Richard Carew Pole was in

#### Dinner Company of Makers of Playing Cards

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended Company of Makers of Playing Cards held last night at Guildhall Mr P.M.C. Cregeen, Master, presided. The Lord Mayor, the Rev Roger Royle and Mr D.C. Warner, Senior Warden, also spoke. Among others present

inc massers of the Painter-Stationers', Telasterers', Felimaters', Carmen's and Chartered Surveyors' Companies, the Master Cutler in Hallamshine, the Master of the Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers' and Tobacco Pipe Masters' and Tobacco Pipe Master of the Guild of Air Pitots and Air Navigators and the Master of the Company of Information Technologists and their ledges.

#### Lecture

Sternberg Centre Dr David Abuialia delivered the Leo Baeck College Dorfler Memorial Lecture yesterday at the Sternberg Centre for Judaism, Finchley. Rabbi Dr Jonathan Magonet, college principal.

## **Birthdays** today

Major D.S. Allhusen, equestrian Olympic medallist, 78: Mr Justice Alliott, 60: Miss Joan Baez, folk singer, 51: Mrs M.L.S. Bennett, former principal. St Hilda's College, Oxford, 79: Sir Rudolf Bing, former general manager, Metropolitan Opera, New York, 90: Mr Ken Brown, golfer, 35: Sir John Buckley, former chairman, Daw Buckley, former chairman, Davy Corporation, 79: Mr Clive Dunn, actor, 70; Sir Tony Durant, MP, 64; Sir Graham Eyre, QC, 61. Mr Michael Gifford, chief case:

utive and managing director, Rank Organisation, 56; Admiral Sir Guy Grantham, 92; Father Benedict Green, theologian, 68: Mr Terry Hands, former artistic director. Royal Shakespeare Company, 51; Mr David Holbrook, author, 69; Mr LJ. Holliday, former chairman, John Laing Construction, 71; Mr Ray-mond Horrocks, former chairman, Austin Rover Group Holdings. 62: Sir Michael Jen-kins, diplomat. 56: Mr Simon Jervis, director, Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, 49; Sir Glyn Jones, former governor-general, Malawi, 84; Mr Richard Nixon, former President of the United States. 79: Mr Justice Ognall. 58; Mr Ralph Tubbs, architect. 80; Mr Detek Twiner, former governor, Canterbury Prison, 52; Viscount Ullswater, 50; Mr Geoffert Warden resolutions for the Control of the frey Wragg, racehorse trainer, 62; Miss Susannah York, actress, 50.

#### **Imperial Cancer** Research Fund

John Cooper has been appointed. Head of Retailing at the Imperial

### School announcements

Ashford School, Kent

Term begins Thursday, January 9, 1992. Junior School scholarship examination January 21, Senior School entrance tests, scholarship examination and music scholarship auditions, January 25. School play, *The* Crucible. March 5, 6 and 7. Term ends Friday, March 27.

Queen's College, London

Term began on Wednesday. January 8, 1992. The Entrance Examination for the School (11-) takes place on Friday. January 24, and interviews for Senior entry on Thursday, February 13. and Monday, March 23. The Senior Entrance Scholarships in Art and Music are on Wednesday, February 19, and in other subev and Frida February 20 and 21. Founder Day is Tuesday, March 17, and the Preacher at the Founder's Day Service in All Souls' Church. Langham Place, will be the Rev

## Royal Grammar School,

Lent term at the Royal Grammar School Guildford begins today and ends on April 2. The En-trance Examination for boys wishing to enter the First Form at age eleven in September 1992 is on January 11. There will be performances of The Mikado during the week beginning March 16. The annual dinner of the Old Guildfordians' Association will be on April 3. For OGs

who left school between 1930 and 1950 there will be a reunion supper party on February 5; details of this are available from the school office (0483 502424). Saint Felix School,

#### Southwold

The Spring Term begins today. Common Entrance Interviews ake place on January 22, 23 and 24, with the Hess Music Scholarship auditions being held on January 22. The Confirmation Service, conducted by The Bishop Suffragan of Dunwich, the Right Reverend Eric Devenport, will take place on Friday, March 13. The O.F. AGM and Buffet Dinner will take place at The Guildhall on March 24. There will be a Careers Convention on March 25. Term ends on March

#### St Margaret's School, Businey

Spring Term has begun for all pupils at St Margaret's. The School Officers are: Head Girl -Leah Herring, Deputy Head Girl Georgina Bull and Games Captain Natasha Fernando. The main events this term are the Entrance Examinations for Lower School and Senior School on Tuesday, January 21, and on February 3, 4, 5, and 7, for entry to the Preparatory Department. Candidates will be confirmed by the Bishop of St Albans on Saturday, March 14. Term ends on Friday, March 27, when the Ski Trip leaves for Serie Chemilier.

## Horticulture

## **Exhibitions thrive** away from London

BY ALAN TOOGOOD, HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT CHAOTIC traffic conditions, venues planned for this year,

particularly the lack of parking, and the high cost of lands, but the well-supported accommodation in London have forced a number of specialist horticultural societies to switch their shows to the Midlands and the North.

The National Chrysanthemum Society, in particular, is feeling the benefit of moving a show out of London. Mr Derek Bircumshaw, the sociery chairman, said its early exhibition is now held at the county showground. Stafford, where "many new exhibitors have appeared. those who would never show in London."

He added: "Last year's show attracted 10,000 visitors over two days, compared with just under 2,000 when it was held in central London."

Mr Ken Grapes, secretary of the Royal National Rose Society, reports "stunning success" with a change of venue for several major rose shows. "The summer festival at the Hampton Court Palace international flower show attracted 150,000 to 180,000 visitors, compared to 15,000 when it was held at the society's St Albans headquarters in Hertfordshire. The great autumn show, expensive and difficult for exhibitors in central London, is now held successfully at Harrogate."

He added that the rose society is planning to latch on to big events for its shows, which are then more successful and attract many more

The Alpine Garden Society's policy is to spread shows widely to enable a larger number of people to enjoy alpines. There are several new in the North and the Midmain spring show will remain in central London.

The Royal Horticultural Society, whose year-round Westminster shows enjoy exceptional support from exhibitors and visitors, feels there is a very real need for more flower shows in and around the capital - and indeed throughout Britain - to cater for the growing number of people who are interested in gardening.

The RHS garden at Wisley. Surrey, is attracting some shows out of London: the main summer shows of the British Iris Society and the Delphinium Society are held there, and in July this year the annual championships of the National Sweet Pea Society will be held in conjunction with the Delphinium Society's show at the garden as part of a summer flower

The Royal Horticultural Society is convinced that more flower shows are needed throughout Britain, including one or two more big shows in the London area. "The RHS is exploring ways in which it can extend its existing portfolio of shows inside and outside London," Mr Stephen Bennett, the

RHS shows director, said. The society is also seeking further opportunities of joining forces with other organ-isations, now that it has established a successful relationship with the Three Counties Agricultural Society in Malvern and the Malvern Spring Gardening Show.

## **OBITUARIES**

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## **BRIGADIER CHARLES OLIVIER**

Charles Harold Arthur Oliv ier, CBE, Brigadier, Royal Artillery Western Command 1965-67, and deputy commandant of the Police Staff College, Bramshill. 1968-71. died on January 2 aged 79. He was born on August 29.

CHARLES Olivier wrote only one slim volume on defence and even that unfortunately failed to bear his name. But its importance was disproportionate to its size at a crucial time of change in western planning. The title Land Battle Tactics for Non-Nuclear Operations would hardly have caught the eye at airport bookstalls. But the classified, olive-green training manual, published internally by the Ministry of Defence nearly 30 years ago, reflected a gradual switch in military thinking. Hitherto, the assumption had been that war in Europe would go nuclear from the start. The manual produced by Charles Olivier, however, signified the growing acceptance within Nato that any battle would at least begin conventionally. It was issued several years before Nato officially dumped its nuclear tripwire strategy in favour of the more plausible "flexible response", and incorporated two years' work by Charles Olivier. He had been posted to the War Office in 1961 to carry out the study for Whitehall and had travelled widely on both sides of the Atlantic while researching it.

His selection for the job was far from random. In the late 1950s Olivier had been chosen personally by Field Marshal Montgomery to chair the prestigious inter-allied planning committee at Shape the Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Powers in Europe. He spent two years working closely under Monty, who was then deputy supreme allied commander in Europe (Saceur), based in Paris. There had followed a short posting as chief of staff at army headquarters Northern Ireland and a year of

Orane Demaxis, stage and

film actress, died on Decem-

ber 25 aged 87. She was born

ORANE Demazis is chiefly

known for her portrayal of

Fanny - the loyal, vulnerable

girl, daughter of a bar owner,

who lost her fiance through

the lure of the sea in Marcel

Pagnol's famous trilogy,

Marius, Fanny and Cesar, set

in Marseilles' Vieux-Port.

Demazis originated the role in Marius, staged in Paris in

1929: two years later, under Alexander Korda's lively di-

rection, she repeated her per-

Hers was not a face the

movie camera usually loves:

plain, with a pointed chin, a

long nose straddling a tiny

mouth and two large, tremu-

lous eyes. But it was the per-

fect vehicle to express tender

suffering; and Fanny's tale of

an abandoned young mother, a broken heart and a final

reconciliation was just the

kind to generate moist eyes

and warm smiles among

formance for the cinema.

ber 18, 1904.



study at the Imperial Defence College in Belgrave Square. But in 1961, already enjoying a high reputation for his staff work, he was well qualified to project the latest guidance on tactical planning for field

A cousin of Laurence Olivier, he had grown up in a strong military tradition. His father, a regular officer in the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, had gone missing in France in 1914 leaving his widow with two young children to bring up. Charles, who had a fine treble voice, auditioned at the Chapel Royal Windsor and elsewhere in the hope of winning a choral scholarship - but sadly always emerged as runner-up. Instead he won a place at Wellingon College and, like his brother, eventually joined the Royal Artillery.

After studying at the Nat-

ional Conservatoire of Dra-

matic Art in Paris, Orane

Demazis's career began

under the auspices of the ac-

tor-director Charles Dullin,

leading light of the Theatre

de l'Atelier. She appeared in

La Volupte de l'honneur, Chacun Sa Verité, and other

popular successes. Then, in 1926, Pagnol's play Jazz

came along: Demazis's per-

formance caught the fledg-

ling dramatist's eye, and in Marius she landed the key

role of Fanny, acting along-side powerful talents like

Pierre Fresnay (as the way-ward Marius) and Raimu (as

Cesar, owner of the water-

front cafe where the trilogy is

In the first sequel, Fanny,

staged in 1931, the pregnant

heroine marries a wealthy

widower, Panisse, and the

wandering Marius returns:

Pagnol dedicated the play to

Demazis. Marc Allegret di-

rected the film version the

following year. Cesar, made directly for cinema in 1936,

picked up the story 20 years later, after Panisse's death.

centred).

Commissioned in 1932, his first posting was with 24 Field Regiment at Newcastle upon Tyne. From there he went to Singapore with a coastal defence regiment, then to Egypt with 31 Field, before fighting in the Western Desert up to El Alamein. The last three years of the war

he served in the War Office. He commanded 6 Field Regiment in Palestine in 1947-8, spent two years in Mombasa at the East Africa Command headquarters and commanded 45 Field Regiment in BAOR in the mid-Fifties. His last two postings were as Brigadier Royal Artillery, first in Eastern Command at Hounslow 1963-65, then Western Command in Chester, 1965-67. He was ADC to the Oueen 1964-67. He wryly observed while at Hounslow that he was occu-

ORANE DEMAZIS

grandfather-in-law, an officer in the Hussars, had once stabled his horse. On leaving the Army, Olivier applied for the post of

deputy commandant at the Police Staff College. Bramshill. Hampshire. which he saw advertised. He was surprised and delighted to be chosen, ahead of a large number of retired service officers and also professional policemen. However, his appointment attracted some criticism from within the police. The post had customarily been filled by serving police officers, and both the Police Federation and the Police Review expressed concern over whether a deputy commandant without police experience had the necessary experience for organising instruction at an institution of higher police training. The Police Federation made it clear that their concern did not involve any criticism of Olivier personally and he completed his service at the police college without further public controversy. He re-tired for the second time in 1971, after which he devoted his time to local government and church affairs. He served on the Test Valley borough council for ten years and on the Southern Tourist Board and between 1976 and 1986 was a member of the Winchester diocesan synod.

Charles Olivier, who was a nephew of the author Edith Olivier, had been a fine athlete while young. He was a playing member of the MCC ented the army at hockey and was a champion quarter-miler in the Far East.

His first wife Lois died in 1959 and he later married Evelyn Stronge, daughter of Sir Norman Stronge, former speaker of the Northern Ireland parliament at Stormont, who, with her brother James, was murdered by the IRA at their Ulster home 11 years. ago this month. He is survived by her and by a son and two daughters from his first

trilogy, she regularly ap-

peared in Pagnol's other.

films. Two drew upon novels

(1934), she starred alongside

Fernandel as a young woman

returning to her native village

with an illegitimate child. For

Regain (1938) she dressed in

Provencal rustic garb as

Arsule, the knife-grinder's as-

sistant who helps revive a

desolate community. She was

again featured with

Pernandel in Le Schpountz

(1938). Despite her wide

fame, Demazis's film career

quickly declined once her re-

lationship with Pagnol end-

ed. Without his guidance,

producers may have regarded

her unglamorous looks as a

handicap. After Le Mistral in 1942 roles became fewer, and

smaller, and she spent most

of the years since the 1960s living in semi-seclusion.

Her last film of any conse

quence was Buñuel's surreal-

ist carnival Le Fantôme de la

liberté (1974): she appears

very briefly - far from

Pagnol's beloved Provence -

as a Paris policeman's moth-

in Giono. III Ang

# and courtesy.

qualified he accepted an offer from Edward Pearce, later Lord Pearce of Sweethaws, of a pupiliage in his busy champers in Fountain Court, vhere Ormrod stayed as a tenant until the outbreak of war in 1939. He then decided that he would be of more use as a doctor, and having completed his qualification joined the RAMC in 1942.

DADMS 8th Corps. and, after the conclusion of hostilities with Germany, in India. After demobilisation in 1945 with the rank of major he returned to Fountain Court and soon acquired a large divorce practice, although he was often engaged in medical negligence cases. He took Silk in 1958, but was never given the opportunity of reaching the first rank, since he was appointed a judge of the Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division in 1961.

In 1974 Ormrod was ap-

## SIR ROGER **ORMROD**

Sir Roger Ormrod, PC. a Lord Justice of Appeal. 1974-82. died on January 6 aged 80. He was born on October 20, 1911.

SIR Roger Ormrod had the unique distinction of being both a Lord Justice of Appeal and an FRCP, and throughout his life maintained close links with medicine as well as the law. Indeed his tall lean figure and characteristic walk, with quick short steps. were more akin to the popular conception of a busy consultant hurrying through the wards, than of a staid and stately judge. And there was a touch of the clinical diagnostician in his judgments, especially at first instance. Ormrod had perhaps the

most original mind of any of his contemporaries in the Court of Appeal, and he saw it as the function of the law to keep abreast of changing social and economic needs. To that extent he was a radical with a strong social conscience, intensely interested in people, and a shrewd judge of human nature. His mind worked with astonishing rapidity, and he was a fluent and rapid speaker. On the Bench, when dealing with matrimonial cases, he often appeared impatient and intolerant of what he regarded as irrelevancies, but this was due to his profound knowledge of his subject, and to the speed and clarity with which he saw the nub of the problem. When sitting in other jurisdictions no-one could try a case with greater patience

He had a passionate desire to do justice, and his impatience in matrimonial cases. which he knew were of vital importance to the parties, was a manifestation of hisanxiety to achieve it.

Roger Fray Greenwood Ormrod was educated at Shrewsbury and The Queen's College, Oxford of which he became an honorary fellow in 1966. Although he graduated in jurisprudence his father, a solicitor, disapproved of the Bar because of its uncertainty, and insisted on Ormrod following in the footsteps of his grandfather and uncle. and becoming a doctor. However, before he had

He served in Normandy and North-West Europe as

pointed, from what had by then become the Family Division, to the Court of Appeal. From 1975 he sat regularly in the division of the Court which heard appeals from the Family Division and Divorce County Courts, presiding in that division from 1979 until his retirement

Although he gave important judgments in other fields during those seven years he was responsible, practically single-handed, for the development of family law following "no fault" divorce which had been introduced by the reforms of 1969 and 1970. Many of his decisions, and the philosophy behind them. were controversial. Ormrod ably defended his approach in the Holdsworth Club presidential address, which he delivered in 1980. In a speech full of insights and displaying a more reflective mind than his critics had allowed him, he pointed out that the practical realities of life usually left the judge in the matrimonial jurisdiction with little room to TOROGERVIE

"In the great majority of cases," he said, "the closer the investigation the clearer it becomes that the practicalities point to the mother as the parent who should have the care of the children: and. consequently the person who will need the house". And he went on to refer to one of his favourite dicta: "It takes three to commit adultery. I always ask what has the 'innocent party done or failed to do?"

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He also achieved the remarkable feat of virtually eliminating the backlog of cases awaiting a hearing in his list in the Court of Appeal. He had sat on a number of controversial cases, including the April Ashley sex-change case in which he declared her marriage void on the grounds that an individual's sex was fixed at birth and could not be changed. He again came into the public eye as one of three judges who agreed with a wife that sex once a week for her husband was enough. Despite a heavy burden of

judicial work Ormrod was involved in many extra-mural activities. In 1968 he was chairman of the Lord Chancellor's committee on legal education. He was much in demand by medical institutions, being a governor of Barts, and the Maudsley and Bethlem Royal Hospitals, chairman of the Institute of Psychiatry, and an honorary professor of legal ethics at Birmingham University. He was also chairman of the Notting Hill Housing Associandri and of the London Mai riage Guidance Council. By 1982 he had concluded that he could not discharge his duties in the Court of Appeal as well as continue his numerous other activities. It is perhaps significant that he decided to retire from the Bench, aithough he continued to sit part-time in the Court of Appeal, rather than sever his connections with the worlds of medicine and social work, to which he brought his own particular brand of robust commonsense tempered by kindness. In 1938 he married Anne

Lush who shared his interests, being herself a magistrate and marriage guidance counsellor. Although they had no children of their own, at various times they informally adopted many young people, some of whom married from their large and welcoming house For relaxation the Ornrods loved to walk in the peace and beauty of Exmoor.

## Forthcoming marriages

Here, Pagnol served as his

own director. Compared with

its predecessors, the action

flagged, but the perfor-mances knitted the film to-

gether. Throughout, Demazis

handled her shifting role with

taste, simplicity and poise.
Yet Demazis was more than Pagnol's ideal Provençal

heroine. Pagnol claimed she

was "the love of my life", and for much of the Thirties they proved inseparable both off-

screen and on. Aside from the

Mr J.O.J. Barnicoat and Miss J.P. Brunning

The engagement is announced between James Oliver, son of Wing Commander and Mrs David Ross Barnicoat, of Gilingham, Dorset, and Joanna Penelope, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Brunning. of Henley on Thames. Oxon. Mr A.R. Barrell

and Miss N.K. Beabey The engagement is announced between Anthony Robert, younger son of Mr and Mrs L.A.F. Barrett, of Bovingdon, Herdordshire, and Nancy Kate.

elder daughter of Mr and Mrs K.C. Beabey, of Prestbury, Cheshire. Mr.J.S. Hadd

and Miss D.J. Dougherty
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, elder son of Mr and Mrs Barry Budd, of Woodford Green. Essex. and Dawn. only daughter of Mr Terence Dougherty. of Croydon. Surrey. and Mrs Eleanor Dougherty. of Woodford Green, Essex.

Dr M.F. Cherry and Miss P.J. Thomas

The engagement is announced between Mark Cherry, of Greenland Dock SE16, son of Francis and Lilian Cherry, of Torquay, and Jean Thomas, of Duxford, Cambridge, daughter of Graham and the late Irona Thomas, of Lianelli.

Mr J.B. Clare and Miss T.C. Hopkins The engagement is announced between John, eldest son of Mr Bernard Clare and Mrs Margaret Sibley, and stepson of Mr John Sibley, of London, and Tessa, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Haydn Hopkins, of Leicester.

Mr D.J. Collier and Mise R.M.R. Tarmey

The engagement is announced between Dominic, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter Collier, of Camberley, Surrey, and Rachel, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Tarnoy, of Chelwood Gate, Susser.

Mr R.J. Graham-Campbell and Miss H. Hencage The engagement is announced between Robert John, only son of the late Mr Dugald Graham-Campbell and of Mrs Graham-Campbell, of 14 Murrayfield Gardens, Edinburgh, and Gardens. Edinburgh, and Henrietta, only child of Mr and Mrs George Heneage, of London.

Mr F.W.H. Howie and Miss C.H. Mathews The engagement is announced between Frank, son of Mr and Mrs J W. Howie, of Kelfield Lodge, York, and Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.M. Matthews, of Stone. Buckingha

and Miss C.E. Mathias

The engagement is announced between James, son of Dr Ian and the late Mrs Voreda Johnstone and stepson of Mrs Ann Johnstone, of Penrith, Cumbria, and Caroline, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Mathias, of

Mr P.S. Kirkwood and Miss C.R. Craig The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs James Kirkwood, of Haslemere. Surrey, and Charlotte, daughter of Mr and Mrs Harry Craig, of Salford Priors, Worcestershire.

Mr M.C.S. Lloyd Miss P.A. Woode

The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Mr and Mrs Sampson Lloyd, of Bedford Park W4, and Patricia, daughter of Professor and Mrs John Woodward, of Killearn by

Mr G.G.F. Lomberdo and Miss S.B. Reed and Miss 3.B. Reed
The engagement is announced
between Guido, younger son of
Mr and Mrs Remo Lombardo, of
Paris, and Suzanne, younger
daughter of the late Mr Arthur

Headley, Hampshire, Mr R.I. Mardonald and Miss S.J. Guilford and Mass 5.J. Guinous
The engagement is announced
between Robert, son of Mrs
Eurice Macdonald and the late
Mr A. Macdonald, of Woking, AT A. Macoonaid, of Woking. Surrey, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. T. Guilford, of 'Corradoo', Newcastle, Co Wicklow, Ireland.

Reed and of Mrs Jenifer Reed, of

Dr.N.D.P. Marchbank and Miss J.J. Ritchie
The engagement is announced
between Nigel, son of Mr and
Mrs P. Marchbank, of Hale.

Cheshire, and Jacqui, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Rischie, of Mr J.G.K. Marshall

and Miss A.M. O'Reilly Mr and Mrs T.B. O'Reilly, of Carrickmacross. Co Monaghan, Mr R.D. Owen and Miss F.E. Ayre Eire. Take great pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter Ana. to James, fourth son of Mr and Mrs W. D. K. Marshall, of Old Windsor,

My Y. Meredith

The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr and Mrs Mervyn Meredith, of Waipukurau, New Zealand, and Charity, daughter of Canon and Mrs William Norman, of Balham, London. Mr H.C. Merrell

The engagement is announced between Hugh Charles, son of Mr and Mrs Graham Merrell, of Monkon Farleigh, Wiltshire, and Rosanna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Wilson Stephens, of Bayford, Hertfordshire. Mr E.P. Metrger
and Miss L.J. Temperley
The engagement is announced
between Ernest Philip, younger
son of the late Professor Marvin
Metrger and of Mrs Irene Orkin
Metrger, of Urbana, Illinois, and
Lucy Joyce, elder daughter of
Professor Nicholas Temperley
and Mrs Mary Sleator
Temperley, also of Urbana.

Captain R.J. Onslow
and Miss L.C. Campbell Fraser
The engagement is announced
between Richard James Onslow.
The Blues and Royals, elder son of
Commander and Mrs Richard
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The engagement is announced between Paul, son of the late Mr and Mrs P. Weldon, and Sally, daughter of the late Mr Tony Campbell and of Mrs Maria Campbell, of The Old Rectory, Berwick St John, near Shaftesbury. Dorset, and of Argentina.

Marriage

Mr N. Sugimoto

and Miss Y. Goto
The marriage took place
on Saturday, January 4. at
Westminster City Hall, between
Mr Noboru Sugimoto, son of Mr
and Mrs Zenshichi Sugimoto, of
Hiroshima, Japan, and Miss
Yuko Goto, daughter of Mr and
Mrs Uzo Goto, of Tokyo, Japan.
The bride was attended by Miss
Tracy Clouder, of Ottawa,
Canada, Mr Robert Spittal, of
London, was best man. London, was best man. A reception was held at the home of Miss Cloutier.

## **Anniversaries**

BIRTHS: Charles Kortright, cricketer, Brentwood, Essex, 1871; Chaim Bialik, poet, Rady, Ukraine, 1873; Lascelles Abertrombie, poet and critic, Ashton-upon-Mersey, 1881; Karel Canek, print Male Service. Capek, writer, Male Svatonnovice, Czechoslovakia, 1890: Dame Gracie Fields, Rochdale, Lancashire, 1898; Simone de Beauvoir, novelist and critic, Paris, 1908.

DEATHS: Napoleon III. emperor of the French 1852-70. Chislehurst, Kent, 1873; Katherine Mansfield, writer, Fontainbleau, France, 1923; Karl Mannheim, sociologist, London, 1947; Tommy Handley, comedian, London 1949.

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Today's royal engagement

Princess Margaret, as Patron of the Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland, will attend the opening ceremony of a scientific meeting at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre at 6.30 m mark the Auth anniver-6.30 to mark the 60th anniversary of the association.

Appointments

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ON THIS DAY 1858 number of about 30, were present; the rest of the attendance consisted

The plight of the hundtic poor, aggravated perhaps by the return of troops from the Crimean War, was becoming an increasing problem during this decade. Bethlehem, the sister charity, was full, and Colney Hatch, opened in 1851, was over flowing five years later.

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BALL AT ST **LUKE'S** HOSPITAL

The usual New Year's Ball of all unfortunate patients in this institution took place last evening, and passed off with the mirth and éclat which have distinguished all previous gatherings of the same kind. To many of our readers the notion of a ball among the inmates of this hospital, upon all of whom Heaven's worst calamity has fallen, may at first appear a forced and unnatural event, or one at least which few would care to see.

To a certain degree, as in all cases, where a dreadful form of human suffering has to be witnessed, it was a pitiful spectacle, but beyond the sympathy naturally evoked by distress in every shape there was nothing which in reality was not calculated to excite feelings of the most heartfelt satisfaction that they on whom this great affliction had descended had still so many sources of joy left open to their broken spirits, and such kind and gentle monitors to soothe their

benighted way.

The ball was held in one of the principal wards of the hospital, which had been gaily decorated for this occasion with wreaths of evergreens and artificial flowers, all made by the patients themselves, and which were hung in pleasing featoons in almost every part of the room. A few private friends of the been one of the most valuable officers of the institution, to the charities in the metropolis.

of about 120 of the ordinary male and female patients of the institu-

These flocked to the hall with

such a giee, such a thorough manifestation of happiness, as even children might fail to realize. There were young and old men, women, youths, and girls, all smitten by the same calamity, all reduced to the same dead level of childish incapacity. Some there were whose bright, active eyes and animated countenances told tales of intellects too delicate and restless for their poor frames to rule with vigour, but these were few and mostly among the women or the very young.

The men were less exuberant in their manifestations of glachess though it was almost painful to see how much they did enjoy if — how they rubbed their hands and nudged each other as the music began or each dance was formed. What can be said of an ordinary evening party from which this in no respect differed, though whole columns of this journal would fail to convey to our readers an adequate notion of the peculiarity of the scene - the bound windows of the room, the heavy clash of keys worn by the

attendants and warders, who danced, among others, or handed the patients cake and wine. What a contrast such treatment suggests between the old plan pursued in the same building, and in other buildings of the kind some 50 years ago, when to visit a madhouse was almost as painful as to become its inmate. Let us hope for the sake of humanity, for the sake of those who are, and those who yet may be the victims of the terrible malady which St Luke's was founded to cure, that we shall not have to record any contraction of its sphere of usefulness, but that the wellbestowed liberality of the benevolent will enable it to become one of

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ichs: Haymarket (0426 915353) raington (0426 914668). CURRENT

↑ THE ADDAMS FAMILY (PG): Testy feast of black humour, inspired by the 1960s TV spin-off from Charles Addams's machine carloons. Starring Real Julia, Anjelica Huston, Christopher Lloyd; director, Barry Sormanial.

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BLOOD WEDGING: LOSSA'S tragedy relocated in Cuba but the sexual passion is thin: bloodless Lores, National (Cottestoe), South Bank, SE1 (771-632) 2552, Tanight-Sut, 7.30pm, mete today, Sat, 2.30pm, 120mins, CI THE CABINET MINISTER Dead

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D AN EVENING WITH GARY LINEKER: Sometimes draft lov spoos rut, Duchess, Catherine Street, London WC2 (071-494 5075). Mon-Thurs, Spm, Fri, Set, Spm and 8.45pm, 130mine.

II THE GREAT PRETENDERS: actors, in Lopa de Vega's moral comedy. Brilliantly played. Bate, Prince Albert Pub, 11 Pembridge med, W11 (071-228 0708); Mon-Set, 130mins. Final week.

II THE numOCENTE: heavy Turn of the Screw plantly rendered as a ghost story, losing the vital emblyuity. Greenwich, Croonse Ha. Sci 0 (081-856 7755). Mon-Sei, 7.45pm, met Sei.

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LONDON.SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Refel Fritzeck de CRCARESTRIA: Indiael Frühbech de Burgos and orchestra repeat the programme performed last Sunday, beginning with a pair of Hayda Symptones, Nee 1 and 6, and ending with Carl Orff's rousing Cermina Burana, with the London Philarmonic Choir, the Southerd Boys' Choir, soprano Berbers Bonney and counter-tenze Mitthet Chartos. Berblean, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-038 6891), 7 45pm.

PETER SCHREET The great German tenor, partnered by the always semilitive Graham Johnson at the pisno, sings Schubert's cycle Minterraise, the "winter's journey" of an increasingly despondent lover. Symphony Hall, Birminghem (021-212 3333), 7.30pm.

THE NEW PATRONS: As well as assisting public collections toward acquisitions they could not otherwater, the National Art Collections used the accounting the development of maging the de encountinging the development or corporate collecting This show, selected by the NACF, brings together some 200 works from 25 corporate collections based in Britain. The art is all coepones century, and very little of it, of the 20th century, and very little of it, is normally on public view. Christie's, 8 King Street, London SW1 (071-839 9060). Mon-Fri, 9.30em-Spm, Set-Sun, 2-Spm, until January 24.

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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol () on release across the country.

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ENCHANTED APRIL (U): Four Englishwomen share an listien ville in the 1920e: witty lines, the performences, crylised entertainment, ring Miranda Richard Plowright, Josie Lawrence; director, Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

THE RISHER KING (15): Jeff souls from the myths of time up against modern adversity. Wayward, overblown Terry Gilliam film with droil moments. Cannon Tottasham Court Hoad (U7)-256 6148) MgM. Trocaderc (U7)-474 (U21) Odeona: Kensington (U425 914866) Mezzenine (U426 91683) Screen on Balest Savet (U7)-405

FLIFTING (12): Steps to meturity at segregated Aussie boarding schools in 1985. Delightful sequel to The Year My Voice Brids from director John Duling With Neah Taylor, Thandle Newton, Cannons: Fullham Road (071-370)

HOT SHOTSI (12): Speci comedy from Airplanel elumnus Jim Abrehama, With Charile Sheen, Lloyd Bridges, and far too few good jokes.

## THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessmen of current theatre in London I House full, returns only I Some count available ☐ Seats at all prices

THE MARVELLOUIS BOY: Public Parts take a quezical look at the Bristol prodigy. Thomas Chatterlon: good performances in a jumbled play. Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3383). Mon-Sat, Spm. 120mins.

CI THE MYSTERIE OF MARIA Li The MYSTEPUE OF MARIA
MARTEN: Chris Bond's entertaining
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ONCE A CATHOLIC: Webs LI OWOE A CATHOLIC Welcome return of Mary J. O'Alelley's romping comedy ebout convent girls growing up between nurs and tectry boys. Tricycle, 269 Küburn High Road, NW6 (971-328 1000). Mon-Set, 8pm, mat 8st,

Circhit version of the OPERA: Glechil version of the old theller: tunes by Offenbach, Verdi and Weber but mit Lloyd-Webber Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, London WC2 (071-379 5399), Mon-Pri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mais Thure, 3pm, 8at, 5pm. 180mins.

\*\*DITHE RESISTIBLE RISE OF ARTURO Ut: Emphasically mensoing "Hitter" portrett by Antony Stier in Di Trevia's strong production of Brecht, National (Officer), South Bank, 8E1 (071-928 2252), Today, 2pm and 7,18pm. 170mins. THE RIDE DOWN MT MORGAN: Arthur Miller's disappointingly one-sided play where Tom Conti argues the case for bigarry. Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116), Mon-Sat, 7.30pm,

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## TODAY'S EVENTS

DRIAN ARTISTS: The Drien Gallery is in its own way an institution, preserving the Fitties' approach to what was modern an at Under its painter-director riskins Naiecz it has continued faithful to the fixed worm six-paintenation of the eas and the sort of semi-abstracted ristion which looks middle Europea in when it is not. This January sees the 35th annual new year show of gallery artists, and it is remarkable how many seniors are still here, still true to their original ideals. Even the litisoth has now a certain period charm. Drive Callery, 7 Prochaser Flocs, London W2 (027-723 9473), Mon-Fri, 1 Senior will be suited.

ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET: The ENGLISH MATIONAL BALLET: The company continues its season at the South Bank with the new Abricracker. Choreographer Ban Stevenson has based this version on his Houston production, tollowing Hoffmann's traditional story and siming its appeal at both children and adults. The attractive new designs are by Desmond Heeley. Festival Hell, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7-30pm.

MADAMA BUTTERFLY: Birmed, overlong production of Puccini's Japanese opers, using the origin

Carmon Baker Street (071-835 9772) Odeons: Kensington (0428 914666) Letcester Square (0426 915683) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

LONDON KILLS ME (18): Writer Henlf LONGOUN KILLS ME, TISP WITE PRINTY Kursishi're directoried debut: the Botched, drab tele of a modern Carside on Notting Hill's streets. With Justin Chadwork, Steven Macidintosh, Erner McCourt. Carnon Panton Street (071-830 0831) Gaite (071-727 4043) Renoir (071-837 8412)

MATADOR (18): Murder, high testion, and anti-Catholic libes from the inimitable Padro Almodóws; made in 1986. Assumpts Sams and Macho Martinez as a chic lawyer and bullifighter obsessed with love and death. Materia (17,457 (175.)) ero (071-487 0757).

THE PEOPLE UNDER THE STAIRS (18): Ghetto burgie their svil landlord's house. Lh horror, Grimm helry story, and social Staring Brandon Adams, Everett MoGB, Wendy Roble. Cannon Fulliam Road M74 am Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-Tuz 1000)

RIGOLETTO (PG): Pavarotti hits the high notes, but Joan-Plette Ponnelle's film of Verd's opera remains resolutely stagebound. Made for television in 1953. With inguer Whall, Edita Gruberova, and Riccardo Chally

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TOTO THE HERO (15): Jounty, about youth, old age and life's disappointments from talented new Beigern director Jago van Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

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1904 lest, produced for Opera North by Jonathan Alver. Meryanne Telese is Butterfly, with supporting cast Prohen Taylor (Pinkerton), Patricia Bardon (Supper), end Keith Leitherr (Grampless), Martin André conducts. Grand Theatre, 46 New Briggale, Leeds (0532 459351/440971), 7.15pm.

COSI FAN TUTTE: Johannes Schaal's 1989 production of Mozart's Cost fan Tutte returns under the direction of the 1869 production of Mozart's Cost fan Turte returns under the draction of the young itsian conductor Cardo Rizel. The dast includes Margaret Marshell sa Flordingi, Diana Montague as Dorabella, Kurt Streit as Farrando, William Shissall as Guglielmo, Stafford Dean as Allonso and Anne Hovesla as Despins. Opening night. Royal Opens House, Covent Garden, London WCZ (071-840 1088/071-840 1911), 7pm.

A KILLING PAUSICIL Tembe Theelre's dramatical Theetre's dramatisation of a strange lete tale by Thomas Merin, where the boyhood friends swap their heads.

Opening night. Lyric Studio, King Street, W6 London (061-741 2311), 7pm. A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE NA A STHEFT CAN MANUED DESTREE Me Murtin plays Blanche DuBois, victim of "the leindness of strangers" in Adrian Reymolds' production of A Streetcer Named Desire. Opening night. Haymartost, Wote Street, Besingstoke (0256 465569), 7.45pm.

# Exploring fantasy Ireland

THEATRE ... The Gigli Concert

Almeida

SHAW to O'Casey, Synge to Friel, Irish dramatists have persistently accused their fellow countrymen not iust of building castles in the air, but of taking up permanent residence inside them. A character in John Bull's Other Island, perhaps the most strongly felt play G.B.S. ever wrote, sums it up. "The dreaming, the dreaming, the torturing, heart-scalding, never satisfying dreaming, dreaming, dreaming, he rages. "An Irishman's imagination never lets him alone, never convinces him, never satisfies him; but it makes him so he can't face reality nor deal with it nor conquer it: he can only sneer at them who do.'

That would make rather a wordy epigraph for as incisive and finely written a piece as Tom Murphy's The Gigli Concert; but nobody could dispute its accuracy. Each of the play's three characters lives a pretty ak life; all have fantasies which both haunt and console them; and if one of them was not born and bred in Erin — well, there's no Irishman like an Englishman who has gone native

This inside outsider is Jimmy King, who is as unsuccessful a fellow as ever took a disintegrating sofa-bed to a dingy attic off O'Connell Street and called the result an office. He is supposed to be the Irish representative of Dynamatology, a cult which claims to "possibilise the power of the possible" by such devices as "destratifying the mind"; but head-quarters in California seem to have

forgotten his existence or maybe gone out of existence themselves. Mostly, he drinks vodka and makes hapless phone calls to a virginal dreamwoman called Helen, interrupting his reverie for the odd sexual encounter with the vaguely nymphomaniac Mona. She has her fantasy too, a hope that some day she will conceive a child to replace the one she gave away when she was 16.

Karel Reisz, who directs, seems to find it no harder to get an effective performance from a stage actor than from a screen one. Barry Foster's stricken King blinks and bleats about the stage, flashing unsmiling grins from beneath his matted, homeweave hair, and Ruth McCabe's Mona, though a less complete character, exudes doughtily controlled despair. But it is Tony Doyle, playing someone identified in the programme only as Irish Man, who most nowerfully rivets the eve and ear; and not just because the role lets him glower and look grim, like a blend of Brando and Bronson. '

On he comes, a wide-brimmed hat casting a menacing shadow across his chunky face and sunken, brooding eyes. He is a very successful man, a millionaire builder, but weary of the everyday brutalities of his profession and, as it turns out, much afflicted by a cancerous childhood. Hence his obsession, which is not merely that he must learn to sing as beautifully as Gigli, but that he may really be called Beniamino and be the son of a Recanati cobbler, like the tenor, Somewhere in the canyons of his mind, he has convinced himself that King can help him fulfil his dreams. It is a hunatic idea, yet somehow it is impossible to write off Irish Man as an Irish nut. Dovie's performance has too much sombre authority - and at



Blinking and bleating about the stage: Barry Foster as Jimmy King

sheer pain -- for that. What ensues is seldom less than fascinating. There were times when I'. wondered if Murphy was not becoming intellectually a bit self-conscious; but even when the dialogue takes a theological turn, a discomforting intensity of feeling is not far away. These people are angry and bitter; with each other's fantasies, with their own failures, and just occasionally with God, who "cut his losses on this little utopia of greed and carnage some time ago".

That accusation comes from King. He ends up almost as besotted as

one memorable moment 100 much. Irish Man with the voice of Gigli that echoes and re-echoes round the stage, but perhaps more deeply resigned to the reality from which those wistful sounds seem to offer an escape. To give away the play's exact denouement would be to shortchange the Almeida's audiences, who are likely to be as many as the little theatre will hold. Enough to say that the mood finally established chimes with one of the more famous epigrams of yet "ariother Irish dramatist. "I can't go on. I must go on. I'll go on": the mouratul promise of Samuel Beckett.

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#### Sweet Desserts

New End, Hampstead

THE walls round the stage are smeared with red and blue paint, and phrases from the play have been scribbled across them. Across the floor too. But untouched by paint stands the fridge, extra large, shining white, flanked by two boxes like the central panel of a triptych, the storehouse of comforts: food.

This 90 minute play about sex, food and sisters has been adapted from a Lucy Eliman novel by the two actresses who play the sisters. They also direct themselves, to good effect for about an hour and a quarter, after which their staging starts to run out of breath. The book ends suddenly too: after the death of the loved yet insufficiently loving father there is little left to write about. Charlotte Jones and Elizabeth Lynton get close to expressing this emotional stillness in stage terms, but the reprises of snatches of significant music distend The novel tells of the sibling rivalry

between Suzy Schwarz and her sister Fran (four years older) who both:

though mostly Suzy, gulp down food when unhappy. Its sexual honesty is carried over into the play, as is the quirky style that interrupts the story with recipes for marzipan, earnest guides to healthy eating or inane questionnaires. Jones and Lynton impressively re-imagine whole episodes as they turn narration into drama, rivalries into dance and acrobatics; instructions for mating a man are delivered as a Blue Peter chat: important figures in their lives feature in an undated version of Peter and the Wolf, with John Carlisle lending his sonorous voice to this joke.

Lynton plays Fran, the self-important sister, Daddy's girl, basking in his approval as she grinds out her PhD, wriggling her way through unsuitable boylinends. The least suitable she passes on to her sister (Jones), plumper, more troubled, better natured but too dependent. Suzy's jealousy is credible enough, Fran's less so, because this version

does not give Suzy the marriage (to a man who watches cricket highlights in bed) that she finits in the book. This omission helps to explain the play's gifted comic actresses.

JEREMY KINGSTON

### **Right Said Fred**

The Fridge, Brixton

RIGHT SAID FRED reportedly reconted their "I'm Too Sexy," single as a joke, and were in stitches at the result. Nevertheless, it became 1991's second-highest-selling song. The mandatory dance bear underplaned a melody line growled in an in-determinate Euro-accent. The lydic declaimed: "I'm too sesy/I'm a model and I do my little turn on the catwalk." This managed to produce a mingled effect of dark ambiguity and preposterous stilliness. Much of the former was eroded by the revelation. that Right Said Fred were two prothers and friend from Petnek. Tin Foo Sery was, however in stantly followed by another hit, the

required is a quick minied performance. Their first 1992 date was at the Fridge's "Ciao, Baby" gay night.

as an acknowledgement of the role of "Ciao. Baby" in popularising "I'm Too Sexy".
Fred (bass) and Richard (vocals)

Fairbrass's leatherware and shaved heads have led to impertinent questions about their sexuality. (Guitarist Rob Manzoli is a workaday denim type). Astutely, they are not telling. At the Fridge, Richard played it coy by wearing bikini underpants and a fishnet shirt. Pretty sensible, actually, considering the humidity.

There was nothing camp about him as he sang. If anything he resembled a man plucked out of the pub crowd on Karaoke night: aghast but determined to be sporting. The stolid Fred watched his brother with some amusement. A go-go boy quaked coquestishly at stage left. The two numbers dispatched, the group were recalled for an encore. "I'm Too Sexy" wen the coin toss. During the song a gard climbed on stage and removed her blouse. It seemed a remarkably smoochy "Don't Talk, Just Kiss". her blouse. It seemed a remarkably The band are now in the position of promities gesture. Right Sald Fred being a hot property with a total have none of the (spurious) militaricy repertoire of two songs. This make "of Frankie Goes to Hollywood to concerts rather problematio. Their whom they are compared. They seem compromise is "personal appear- happy to market shiny disco-pop. odies, that is no bad thing.

CAROLINE SULLIVAN

## TELEVISION Kilroy

BBC 1

FIVE past nine, yesterday morning Robert Kilroy-Silk strolls into shot to announce that today the subject is sex, specifically "educational" sex videos: are there too many of them? Cut to clip from the latest of these: a man wearing a suntan and briefs caressing a woman on a bed. "That was the only part we can show on television," says Kilroy-Silk.

It was enough for me. Watching any kind of television at this time of the day makes me feel guilty, let alone sex videos. Still, when it comes to Kilroy, all human life is here. The nmgramme has been running five days a week for six years, airing every

conceivable problem at least once, with the possible exception of the inadequacy felt by people who have not yet been invited on to Kilroy. These pathetic creatures must by now be a minority, which qualifies them for a programme to themselves.

Nothing survives on television for six years unless it is doing something for somebody and I think I know what Kilroy-Silk is doing for his audience: he is feeding its prejudices by means of a steady diet of one-Take, for example, a middle-aged

woman on yesterday's show who says there is too much of this sort of thing, meaning books and videos about sex. "I spend more time at the ironing board than I do in bed having sex. I'd like somebody to tell me how to make ironing more exciting." Amazingly, froning and ironing boards turn out to be a recurrent touchstone in the

programme. An American sex therapist recalls that when she got married, her mother asked her if she had ever had sex on an ironing board. Sadly deficient in this area, she was able to save face by telling her mother that she had done it in the bath. Her point being that sex should be fun. A video on ironing-board sex would clearly be a public service, given the notorious instability of these contraptions.

While we await the response of the ironing board industry to this challenge, let us consider The Joy of Sex, Alex Comfort's Seventies' best-seller, recently updated. This was both a book and a video and in the audience we have the video's "creative direc-'tor", who stresses that he is by no means a porn merchant.

Plugs for the book do not go unchallenged. A woman recalls a couple who gave each other a copy of the book for Christmas. "By Easter

they were divorced." This is what I mean about feeding prejudices: three months after reading a book, a couple gets divorced, ergo the book caused the divorce. This is of course nonsense, as is the counter-argument made by someone who recalls the case of a couple who had not made love for five years. They bought one of these videos and were making love before they had finished watching it.

Neither anecdote proves anything but each is used to underpin existing beliefs. Does that matter? Probably not, for Kilroy is entertainment disguised as enlightenment. If an ironing board is ever cited in a divorce action, I doubt that the reason will have anything to do with sex.

PETER BARNARD

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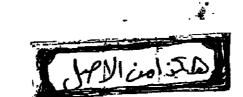
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5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (456828). Northern izeland: Inside Uister

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Cessed) Weather (489) 6.30 Regional news magazines (441): Northern Ireland: Neighbours

7.00 Top of the Pops (s) (2880) 7.30 EastEnders. (Ceetax) (s) (625) 8.00 Last of the Summer Winer Come in Surray Major. Foggy tries to establish a high-tech communication link with Compo and Clegg. Starring Bill Owen, Peter Sallis and Brian Wilds (r). (Ceetax) (8828)

8.30 The Brittes Empire: Temple of the Body. Tedious comedy starring Chris Barrie as the neive manager of a leisure centre. (Ceefax) (s) (7336) 8.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news

and weather (7557)



One man, two problems: the Carringtons reunite (9.30pm)

9.30 Dynasty: The Resolots. The concluding part of the mini series

by the section of the concepting part of the first series about the feucling Carrington and Colby families. But can this really be the last word? Starring Joan Collins, John Foreythe and Linda Evans. (Ceelib) (s) (43460)

Spenser for Hirs: Personal Demons. Aspericeri drams series about a Boston private detective. Spenser (Bobert Uscil) is hired to track down an embezzier (123733). 11.50 Westher (396809)

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8.60 Breaklast News (1817/12) 8.15 Mixed Blessings. True story about two women whose daughters was mixed up at birth (f). (Ceated) (4603936) 8.55 Travel Show Traveller. John Thirwell visits Kitzbuhel in Austria (r) (9207731)

9.00 Garrison Kellor Hosts: A Prairie Home Companion (25489)
10.00 Film: Hungry Hill (1947, b/w). Tepid adeptation of Daphne du
Maurier's sage of a 19th-century Irish femily. Sterring Margaret
Lockwood and directed by Brian Desmond Flurat (82572118)

-11.46 Look, Stranger: A Gambol on Stanza. A stram traction engine raly in the northwest (r) (9545199)
-12.10 Under Self: Galway Hookers (r) (9874996)
-12.30 A Year in the Life: 20 Years On — A Man Determined (r)

(9619606)
1.20 The Advertures of Spot. Cartoon (r) (62828002) 1.25 What's inside? (r) (39074257) 1.35 Early One Morning (r) (60464422) 2.00 News and weather (18765712) followed by 2.05 Darts. Highlights of yesterday's two quarter-finals (s) (543644), incl 3.00 News and weather, and at 3.50 News and weather, regional news (7610712) 5.00 Behind the Headlines (2606) 5.30 Food and Drink (r) (s) (118)

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6.80 Film: Tetraesee's Partner (1955). Routine wastern staming John Payne as a gambler accused of murder. With Rhonds Fleming and Ronald Reagan. Directed by Allen Dwan (58070), Water. Into Print;

6.30 Deutsch Direkt; 6.55 Fast Feaste; 7.00 Oliver Twist

7.30 Talia a' Bhaile (s) (267)

8.00 The Tweed. Breeding and training border collies (9170)

8.30 Perpetual Motion: The Blackpool Tram

◆ CHOICE: The Blackpool fram deserves its place in this nostalgic series of British transport classics. It was the first electric tram in the world, taking to the rails in 1885. For the past 30 years it has been Britain's only surviving tram. Andrew Johnston's film is an

been Britain's only surviving tram. Andrew Johnston's film is an affectionate portrait of a Blackpool attraction as durable as the Tower or the Golden Mile. By the early 1930s the tram was under threat from the more flacible bus and car. Blackpool's response was a new koury design with a fashioneble streamlined shepe and high quality fittings. It is still in use 60 years later. Now cities such as Manchester are planning to bring the tram back. Blackpool may not be on its own much longer. (Ceetax) (5977)



A patient virtue: Stephen Fry and Hugh Laurie (9.00pm 9.00 A Bit of Fry and Laurie

 CHOICE: The thinking person's Little and Large return for a third series, with the now settled mixture of sketches and wox pop-interviews. The humour of Stephen Fry and Hugh Laurie is witty, itsente, caretrial and applitual. Many of the jokes are not about anything in particular but emerge from a corolic judaposition of anything in particular but emerge from a comic purceposition of words or parodies of familiar speech. Wodehouse is a clear influence and not for nothing taive the pair become television's Jesues and Wooster, Argueby the pick of tonight's offering is a longish sketch, but one that never outstays its welcome, in which a psychiatric patient is convinced that he is the psychiatric (Caefax) (s) (5199) inside Greendon APU.

Melchilde Grendon APU

October: For the fruit time the latevision cameras enter the acute psychilatric unit at Grendon prison neur Oxford. The unit holds some of Britain's most difficult and dangerous prisoners, including reurderers, associate and replate. But it is notable for a comparatively liberal regime. As Terry Kingsland, sentor health-other officer, says: "If you gut somebody mentally III behind a door, they don't get better." The product of several months spent in the prison, Paul Pierrot's film is a mixture of thy on-the wall footage and interviews, and restures patients as well as staff. The material is wind and reversing, though a commentary would have helped 105417th.

10.20 10 x 10: A Woman's Touch: Karen Stowe's short film about

triple kick-boxing chempion Michelle Aboro (r) (541809).
10.30 Neissnight (518712)
11.15 Darts. Earnonn Holmes introduces opverage from the last two quarter-finel metches (a) (488996)
11.55 Sehind the Headlines (r) (975170) 12.25am Weather (6391132)

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9.25 Keynotes. Alstair Dival hosts the music quiz (6663880) 9.55
Thames News (6245605)
10.08 The Time... The Place... Mike Scott hosts the topical

clinculation programme (5382170) 10.40 This Morning (3476825), includ 10.55 FTN Morns headlines, and at

11.55 Thames News 12.10 The Riddlers. Children's puppet series (9861422) 12.30 ITM News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (5436538) 1.10

Thames News (39073538) 1.20 Home and Away. (Oracle) (5140)1151)
1.30 A Country Practice. Australian medical drama series (s) (60478625)

2.20 Spooker: The Marcanilla Cracks Classic, Further coverage from the International Centre in Bournemouth (1499712) 3.15 ITN Name headines (4091460) 3.20 Thames News headines (4098373)

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teenegers (6972296) 5.40 ITN News with Carol Bernes. (Oracle) Weather (785977)

5.55 Themes Help with Jackie Spreckley (r) (591118) 6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (557) 6.30 Thames News (809)

7.00 Emmerdale. (Oracle) (4248) 7.30 Fresh Fields: Dish of the Day. A re-run of the first sense of John Chapmen's alfable comedy staming Julia McKenzie and Anton Rodgers. Hester decides to add some spice to title, and to William's 8.00 The Bilt: Whose Side Are You On? DC Lines (Kevin Lloyd)

investigates a mugging (3996)
8.30 This Week: The Rise and Pall of a Godfather. The first of a two-part report about John Gotti, the alleged head of the American Maria, who goes on trial this month. (Oracle) (5731)



A deadly bite: Leone Connery and Mark McManus (9.00pm) 9.00 Taggert: Next of Vipers. The start of a new three-part murder mystery staring Mark McManus as the dour Glaswegian detective. With James Macpherson and Laone Connery (5828) 10.00 News at Ten with Julie Somerville and Travor McDonald. (Cracle) Weather (55996) 10.30 Themse News (189151) 10.40 Presone: Cet Block H (539441) 11.30 Shooker: The Mercantille Credit Classic. The last quarter-final 2003549.

12.30em Altred Hitchcock Presents: Twist. The head of a model agency plots to kill her husband, Starring Stafe Stevens (46300)

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a bumbling policemen, whose time is spent tracking down nuclists.
Staring Louis de Funes. Directed by Jean Girault. With English subtities (48652)
3.00 The Truth About Women: Education. In the first of a new series looking at women's lives in the 1990s, Eve Pollard and guests discuss the influence of fathers on daughters (26942)
3.30 Murphy's Law. American private detective series starring George Segal (r) (47361)
4.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (27671)
5.90 Videofashion (r) (97942)
5.30 TTN Morning News with Phil Roman (35039). Ends at 6.00

plunged into a gun-runners' plot (988460) 1,10mm Without Hisr Consent (1990): The

1,70am Without Her Consent (1980): The boyfriend of a rape violatin discisse to take the law into his own hands (10856).

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22.2 Equinox: New York! New York! At the core of the Big Apple is an army of manual workers, water suppliers and rubbish collectors who service the city's seven million inhabitants (r) (8177828)

10.25 Famous For Four Minutes (r) (6753460)

10.30 Fragile Earth: The Price of Satmon. Intensive fish farming has brought prospenty to the highlands and islands of Scotland, although the environmental cost is still being counted (r). (Teletext) (s) (80335)

11.30 Kingdom of the Deep: Killer Whale. Documentary revealing that the manne predator is also a gentle, intelligent and lovable mammal (r) (30064)

12.30 Business Daily (97460)

1.00 Sesame Street (92915)
2.00 Film: Medonna of the Seven Moons (1944, b/w). Fisible Gainsborough melodrama starring Phytis Calvert as a woman with a spirt personality, alternating between respectable write and gangster's moll. With Stewart Granger Directed by Arthur Crabtree (5441)

4.00 A Brush With Art: Water, Reflection and Trees. Alwyn Crawshaw uses creative techniques to paint different water

surfaces (422)
4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley and Carol Vorderman host the words and numbers game. With Bill Tidy in the dictionary corner (s)

5.00 The Oprah Wintrey Show: In Love with a Celebrity. Oprah invites three women to meet their favourite celebrity (1290422)

5.55 Laurel and Hardy. Carloon adventures (r) (582460)

6.00 The Crystal Maze. Richard O'Brien guides the confesiants through the adventure game (r) (s) (72151)

7.00 Channel 4 News and weather (610793)

7.50 Comment (829083)

8.00 Free For All. Teacher David Powell, who is campaigning against

touc waste emissions, argues against the planned construction of five new incineration plants in Britain (1538)

3.30 Vic Reeves Big Night Out. Rumbustious humour in the company of Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer who demonstrate how to make the most of discarded shoes, welcome Wavy Davy to Novelty Island and introduce a new talk show (r) (s) (3373)



'n investigative eye: Mary Goldring at Heathrow (9.00pm) 9.00 The Goldring Audit

● CHOICE in the first of three investigations into British institutions, Mary Goldring casts her sharp journalistic eye over Heathrow sirport. Her report, incisive but fair-minded, blends two themes. One is a portrait of Heathrow today, the world's busiest alriport but already near bursting point. Her account of the day-lo-day operation highlights some of the 50 agencies, including air traffic control, police, fire service, immigration and customs, which keep the sirport ticking over. Goldring's verdict is mainly favourable. She likens Heathrow to a well-run obstacle course. Her other concern is trow the sirport will cope serving the near opening. other concern is how the airport will cope early in the next century when the 40 million passengers it deals with now have risen to an estimated 65 million. The choice seems to be adding a third runway and damaging the environment or squeezing even more fandings out of a system that already handles 74 an hour. (Teletext) (6170) 10.00 An Angel at My Table: The Envoy from Mirror City. The final

peri of Jane Campion's trilogy about the New Zealand writer Janet Frame (Kerry Fox) is set in 1950s London. (Teletext) (3079002)

11.05 Film: A Guide for the Married Man (1967). Stylish comedy starring Watter Mattheu se a married man who is coached in the art of solutery by his philandering best friend Robert Morse. Directed by Gane Kelly (751828)

12.45amt Animation. A cartoon quartet (1479519). Ends at 1.10

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PADIO 5

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Concerto: LPO under Jane Glover, with Xue-We, viosn); Brahma (Piano Trio No 1 in 8, Op 8, revised 1889: Dussek Piano Trio); Johann Mattrias Sperger (Trio No 6 in Fillan Telecky, viota; Juraj Alexander, celto); Pouteno (15 Improvisations: Eric Parkin, piano) piano) 12.00 Brighton Festival 1991: Bach Ensemble under Joshua Rifikin Trin Sonata in plays Albinoni (Trio Sonata i 8 flat, Op 1 No. 12); Bach (Violin Concerto in D minor. aniamin Hudson, violin): Legrenzi (Trio Sonata "La Mont'Albana"); Bach (Concerto for flute, violin and harpsichord in D. BWV 1052a:

Stephen Schultz, flute; Benjemin Hudson, violin; Joshua Rifldn, harpsichord) 1.00 News 1.06 Bristol Lunchtime Concert: The first in any programmes five from St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol, John Lill, piano, plays Beethoven (Sonata in E flat, Op 27 No 1, Quasi una fantase); Brahms (Varietions and Fugue on a Theme of Handel, Op 24)

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## **Ministers** urge Major to boost recovery

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND JILL SHERMAN

THE prime minister is being urged by senior ministerial colleagues to bring forward an emergency package of measures to help to start the economic recovers in time for the election. The proposals involve a Whitehall drive to cut red tape and start a series of hig private sector construction projects and commercial

Applications to build new bridges, roads, railways and power stations, and to bring more competition to telecommunications and cable television networks, would be speeded over planning and regulatory hurdles. Nearly 20 firms are awaiting for li-

## Yugoslav minister resigns

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endorsing the ceasefire arrangement worked out by Cyrus Vance and the sending of 50 military observers to monitor compliance.

Diplomats at the council expect no decision on sending the 10,000 strong peacekeeping force for another two weeks at least, and perhaps

Everything depends on proof that all sides are observing the truce and are prepared to abide by the UN terms, notably the disarming of all militia in the battle zones and the withdrawal of federal forces from Croatia.

Yugoslavia's federal defence ministry has failed to provide an explanation of how or why the EC helicopters were attacked, despite admitting responsibility.

The air force chief, General Colonel Zvonko Jurjevic has been suspended, but it seems sonal order to fire on the helicopters. It is more probably the work of factions within the command intent on sabotaging the deployment of the UN peacekeepers.

Britons to join, page 7 Leading article, page 13

cences to challenge British Telecom and Mercury. The proposals also include easing business cash flow through government departments to

settle bills more promptly.

Backers of the proposals say that they would boost business confidence and inject demand into the economy. Downing Street policymakers are understood to be showing an interest in the ideas, which are likely to be discussed at today's meeting chaired by John Major on election strategy and the Con-

servative manifesto. The disclosures came as Labour launched a detailed programme for long-term re-covery under the banner Made in Britain, and as its leaders castigated Mr Major for his failure to act against mounting unemployment and bankruptcies, and plunging investment and growth.

Neil Kinnock accused Mr Major of deserting his duty to the country. "The country is in the grip of recession and the government which caused it is in the grip of paralysis."

The Conservatives counterattacked by seizing on a leaked memorandum by a member of Labour's Treasury team, highlighting the party's private fears about its vulnerability over tax and spending policies.

The two-page paper, by Chris Smith, MP for Islington South and Finsbury, recognises the risk of a "flight of capital" if Labour wins the election and a "flood of public sector wage claims". It also raises the prospect of a "luxu-ry VAT rate".

Chris Patten, the Tory party chairman, said that the memorandum, written two years ago, blew Labour's economic policy to smithereens and showed that its claims to financial responsibility were "a con". He challenged Mr Kinnock to "back or sack"

John Smith, the shadow chancellor, said that the memo amounted to no more than his colleague's personal thoughts. "It's not Labour policy and it has no political significance at all," he said.

Labour's package, page 2

## Pledge on jobs to steel workers

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Continued from page 1 British Steel would have kept the plant, opened in 1963, running until 1994. He promised that the government had no intention of abandon-

ing Lanarkshire.

Speaking during a visit to Bradford, Mr Major said: "I made it clear in Scotland last year that we recognised the problems. I said then we had no intention of abandoning the people of Lanarkshire and I reiterate that this morning. We can now see the depth and scale of what needs to be done. Of course, we are con-cerned about the people who work there. That is why we are taking the measures I have spelt out."

British Steel said: "The decision has been made against the background of the continuing deep global recession and general price weakness." After having carried out an exhaustive review of its strip products, the company said nine months' notice of the closure was being given so there could be an "orderly rundown" of plant and equip-ment at Ravenscraig, which employed 13,000 people during the mid-1970s. Terminal facilities at Hunterston on the Ayrshire coast will also close in September with the loss of about 70 jobs.

The company pledged to help to create new jobs in the area. "It will ensure that all possible measures are taken to alleviate the effects of the closures. A full counselling service will be set up.

Mr Lang, whose party is certain to suffer from the con-sequences of the closure, said it was disappointing. "It can-not come as a complete surprise to anyone aware of the national and international market conditions and the recent sharp downturn in British Steel's trading performance. But it is particularly regrettable that British Steel have been unable to maintain the plant at least until 1994 in line with their earlier undertaking."

Donald Dewar, Labour's

Scottish affairs spokesman, accused British Steel and the government of betraying the guarantee that steelmaking would continue to the end of

Gordon Brown, Labour's trade and industry spokes-man, said they had demanded a meeting with Mr Lang and Peter Lilley, the trade and industry secretary, and British Steel to discuss the promises given, and now broken. "The closure of



End of an era: Ravenscraig yesterday as it was announced that it will close later this year

Ravenscraig is a devastating blow to Scotland, a final act in a series of betrayals by British Steel and by the government of the people of Lanarkshire and the steel industry," Mr Brown said.

The Scottish National party said that Ravenscraig would be returned to public control if it came to power. Malcolm Bruce, Scottish

leader of the Liberal Democrats, said the closure would be "a devastating blow to the Scottish economy".

Roy Evans, general secretary of the Iron and Steel-Trades Confederation, said workers faced a bleak future. Gavin Laird, general secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, which has more than 200 members at

turning to sleet. Outlook: dry with clear periods. Frost at night.

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Ravenscraig, said the decision was a disaster for the Scottish economy.

Only the plate rolling mill at Dalzell, which is close to Ravenscraig, will be left in Scotland. Dalzell, which is believed to have been kept on because British Steel cannot afford to build a new rolling mill on Teesside, employs about 500.

Tommy Brennan, the union leader at Ravenscraig who retired recently, said: "It is a crying shame for the men at the plant. They have had the rug pulled from under their feet."

> Background and analysis, page 2 Leading article, page 13 Bell tolls early, page 23

## **Bush** to soldier on after collapse

Continued from page 1 foods - although he was believed to have been eating Western food last night. Through all this, he has jogged, played sport and only yesterday was playing tennis with the American ambassador, the Japanese emperor and the crown prince.

"The president's schedule is one that he has maintained for three years and is one that he enjoys," Mr Fitzwater said last night. "He is a very vigorous man and I don't expect any changes.

Mr Bush's collapse came an hour into an elaborate dinner at Mr Miyazawa's residence. Japanese and American dignatories strained to get a glimpse of what was going on, some standing on their tiny gilt chairs, as an aide crawled over the table to join colleagues and secret service agents at the president's side. They lifted Mr Bush to a sitting position, but he appeared to weak to remain seated and was allowed to lie back on the floor.

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The White House doctor, Burton Lee, attended the president and about a minute later, Mr Bush was lifted again. This time he managed to stand, although he looked pale and shaky on his feet. He smiled, raised his fist and shook hands with Mr Miyazawa, before leaving for the Akasaka Palace state guest house where he is

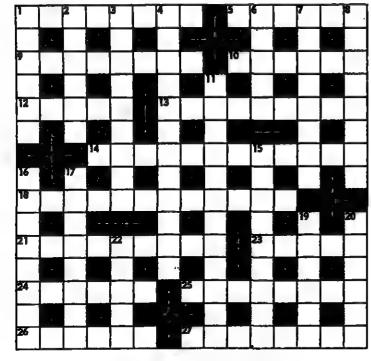
staying.

Barbara Bush, who had been chair and jumped from her chair and moved towards her husband as he collapsed, remained at the dinner after his departure and made a speech of thanks on his behalf. She later joked: "I cannot explain what hap-pened to George because it has never happened before. but I am beginning to think it was the ambassador's fault. He and George played tennis this afternoon with the emperor and crown prince and were badly beaten. We Bushes are not used to that. He must have felt worse than I Bewildered Japanese tele-

vision reporters hastily explained to their audiences that this was "a special kind American humour and that Mrs Bush was not really. blaming her husband's illness on the emperor's aggressive play on the tennis court.

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Fit to be sick?, page 9 Lame duck Bush!, page 12 Pressure on pound, page 19

### THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,810



## ACROSS

- The measure has no success but the Church gives a revealing performance (3.5)
- 5 Rather put a sailor instead of a king in this small house (6)
- 9 Wet fat (8). 10 He has lasting qualities, of course
- 12 Soldier girl gets the bird (5).
- 13 Nearly let trouble be for ever (9). 14 Effeminate attendant serving in a
- 18 Pressing to the limit of safety, his
- hip goes on black ice (12). 21 Gangster always on the bat (9).

### Solution to Puzzle No 18,809



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16 Sailor king finds rising poverty in oil city (8).

17 This means of transport is right if a cart fails (8).

19 Confusion is no good in a story (6). 20 Sets out food on board? (6). 22 Support for irregular lease (5).

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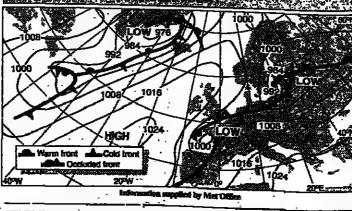
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**GATT IMPASSE** 

Gatt negotiators must resolve the impasse between America and Europe over farm subsidies Page 21

**PUBS PURCHASE** 



Geoffrey Kent, chairman of Mansfield Brewety, has announced the company is buying 86 Courage pubs for an estimated £10

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Sun Alliance, the composite insurer, has made a £72 million bid for Forenede-Gruppen, the Norwegian life company Page 21



Sir John Egan believes BAA's business is running airports, not hotels, and wants Ladbroke and Forte to manage hotels at Heathrow and Stansted Page 20

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THE European Commission has rejected the cement industry's claim that an investigation into price fixing is unnecessary, and says that big fines could follow its enquiry. It has written to 76 leading cement producers giving them two months to prepare

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

AND ROSS TIEMAN IN LONDON

Lawyers from Blue Circle Industries. Rugby Cement Group and Castle Cement, Britain's leading cement makers, will arrive in Brussels tomorrow to defend their companies. Ian McKenzie, chief executive of Blue Circle Cement, said last night: "We have not behaved improperly and we will defend our position vigorously." Pat Jackson, chairman of Rugby Cement, also protested his company's innocence: "I see no reason why this should affect the share

price of our company," he added. A source close to the office of Sir Leon Brittan, the competition commissioner, said yesterday that the wide variety in cement prices in the community, and the almost total segmentation of the market. demanded an investigation. He said that the prices charged by Blue Circle, Rugby and Castle Cement in Britain, for example, are 40 per cent higher than prices charged in Greece, but that it is nearly impossible for British builders to buy their cement in another community nation. The source

added: The market is clearly segmented the commission raided offices of cement and there is no evidence that this is changing. If anything, it is going the other way. We want to know why this is happening; if there are agreements between coun-

EC sets deadline for cement groups in cartel enquiry

tries, for example, to keep customers ou: " The enquiry is part of a commission investigation into an industry with a low profile but a huge turnover. The commission is understood to want to know why cement prices in Britain have not fallen markedly since the common price and marketing agreement, which prevailed in Britain for more than 50 years until it was scrapped in 1987. Details of the agreement were furnished to the EC in 1973.

In 1989, at the start of its investigation,

companies in Belgium, Italy, Germany and France for evidence of a cartel. The biggest cartel fines imposed were the \$11.9. million and £21 million demanded from ICI and Belgium's Solvay just over a year ago for fixing soda ash prices. Under competition guidelines, companies can be

> operating cartels. The British cement market is concentrated in the hands of Blue Circle, believed to have 55 per cent of the market. Castle, at about 25 per cent, and Rugby, at about 20

fined up to 10 per cent of sales for

A Bine Circle executive denied the commission's assertion that prices were higher any big differences in the community, he said, pointing out that illegal government subsidies could help make Greek cement cheaper. He denied that any cartel existed in Britain, adding: 'We would deny any collusion whatsoever."

He said it was possible for British companies to buy non-British coment, although he admined that because of the high costs of transport, only buying in bulk would make any sense. Specialist cement importers operate in London, Liverpool, Hull and Leith. Blue Circle is one of the world's top four cement producers. Its overall group sales - including non-cement activities - were \$1.2 billion last year.

# Bush collapse adds to woes for sterling

By Colin Narbrough, economics correspondent

PRESIDENT Bush's dramatic collapse at a Japanese state banquet trig-gered a brief dollar sell-off, but persistent devahiation speculation kept up the pressure on the pound, forcing it to its lowest London close for 18 months.

The American currency regained its poise quickly after news that the president's illgastric flu: Renewed health doubts could, however, add to dollar weakness, strengthening the mark and, incidentally, adding to pressure on. sterling. Some switching out of dollar and into marks and yen was detected in the late-

Chancellor, and Robin Leigh-

vesterday that official fore-

casts about the economy had

been wrong. They said, how-

ever, that even if they had

been right, economic policy

Both said, too, that it was

more important to get the

elements of economic recov-

ery right than to concentrate

on the exact month when the

Their comments were

made at a meeting of the

National Economic Develop-

ment Council, the joint gov-

ernment-industry-union eco-

nomic forum. Both the

Confederation of British In-

dustry and the Trades Union

Congress pressed the Chan-

cellor for measures in the

budget to stimulate invest-

recovery began.

would have been the same.

afternoon. Stuck at the bottom of the European exchange-rate mechanism, the pound had a bad day amid speculation about devalua-tion or an ERM realignment.

.Reports that Margaret Thatcher, the former prime minister, has privately advo-cated pulling out of ERM continued to circulate. The speculation prompted the Treasury to deny that any meeting was planned to make an announcement on

At the Bank of England close at 4pm, the pound stoodat DM2.8395, its lowest close. since June 1990, having little more than half a pfennig

of the meeting broke down,

Mr Lamont said forecast-

ing was, by its nature, uncer-

tain, and not as important as

was sometimes asserted. It

did not determine economic

policy, which was directed at

Union and business leaders

seized on the Chancellor's

and the Governor's state-

ments as the first indication

by the government that its

forecasts about economic re-

Mr Leigh-Pemberton told

the council that eventually a

cash build-up, normal in a

recession, would restore con-

sumer confidence. He said

Britain needed a nine-year

sustained recovery, rather

Top Ratner salaries threatened

ewellery chain, are certain to

have to take big pay curs after

what is believed to have been a

y linked to performance and

City analysts think directors'

salaries will be cut by as much

as a third as a result of the

latest slump, the extent of

which is expected to be re-

vealed tomorrow. Mr Ratner,

slump in Christmas sales. Pay at the company is tight-

than a two-year boom.

covery had been incorrect.

uracy of forecasting.

medium-term aims.

Chancellor admits

poor forecasting

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

which the authorities must intervene. Sterling finished almost half a cent easier against the dollar, at \$1.8730. The trade-weighted index was down 0.1 at 91.4.

DM1.5170. in the absence of an expected commitment from the Japanese and American leaders to a firmer yen. the American currency rose to Y124.90 from Y124.50. The Bundesbank's policy-setting council meets today, but it not expected to alter its key lending rates.

Stock markets in Londonand New York rallied as fears about President Bush's health receded. The FT-SE 100 ndex, which nursed a fall of more than 40 points at one stage, closed 15.8 points low-er at 2,467.1 after a late recovery spurred by an unexpected rise in New York.

The Dow Jones industrial average feli 18 points within the first half hour of trading. then rose 20 points before settling 12.97 points ahead at new 3,217.80 peak by ment. The relative unanimity lunchtime on Wall Street.

Michael Jenkins, editor and publisher of Stock Cycles Forecast, which tracks the Dow's performance, said: Traditionally, presidential iliness and heart attacks only affect the market for a few days. But the market is historically over bought, and any suggestion that Bush may not run for re-election or if he does, fails to do well at the crucial primaries next month

will spark a major sell off." Edward Shopkorn, a managing partner with Mabon Securities, said: "People are nervous. Everyone's concerned what this means for the election going forward. The Democrats historically are not good for the market and [vice-president Dan] Quayle is not good for the market."

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He and his four senior direc-

tors earned £2 million between

them last year. The contract of

Gary O'Brien, the group fi-

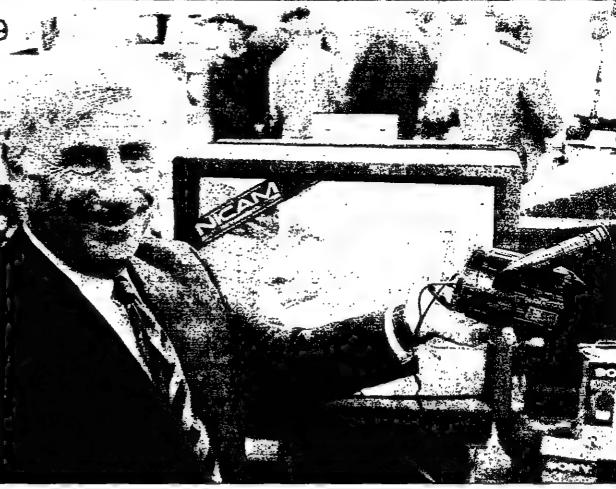
nance director, is subject to

against a falling market yes-terday to close at 23p. In the

past year, they have fallen from 189p.

Shares in Ratners rallied

five years' notice.



Still in the frame: Stanley Kalms, who has chosen his successor at Dixons but is not yet ready to resign

## City cheered despite Dixons decline

STANLEY Kalms, chairman of Dixons Group, the electrical retailer, has chosen his successor. He is John Clare, aged 41, who is promoted from head of Dixons Stores Group to managing director

of the whole group Bowditch writes).

Mr Clare replaces Mark Souhami, who becomes deputy chairman. However, Mr Kalms, aged 60, said neither Camcorders and video games he nor Mr Souhami were intending to resign.

Dixons cheered the City with a strong Christmas performance. Mr Kalms said the last year was in the mid-teens and although margins had come under pressure due to a discount war, the overall rewere festive favourites, while white goods are selling well in

the January sales. Group pre-tax profits fell 36 per cent to £17.5 million in the six months to November 9. mainly because of a £10.9 million loss from Silo in America. Sales grew from £812 million to £869 million sult was ahead of budget. but earnings fell from 3.4p to

1.6p a share. The dividend has been held at 1.6p.

The group's UK profits rose from £11.9 million to £20.5 million. At Currys, like-forlike sales grew 11 per cent. against a national average of per cent. however, within the Dixons stores chain.

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## GrandMet buys US bakery

By MARTIN WALLER GRAND Metropolitan, the foods, drinks and retailing business, is buying an Amencan maker of frozen bakery products for a sum believed to be around \$140 million, including the assumption of debt. GrandMet will fund the

deal by issuing new shares. McGlynn Bakeries is based in Minneapolis, the home of GrandMet's Pilisbury food operation, which is doing the deal. McGlynn claims market leadership in the manufacture of frozen croisssams, and produces a range of frozen dough products. pastries and cookies.

The deal raises Pillsbury's total sales of bakery products to more than \$200 million and increases turnover in the food services business as a whole by 50 per cent to around \$375 million.

GrandMet has been focusing increasingly in its food brands, wines and spirits, on businesses that are already the world leader by volume.

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## Ratner: under pressure chairman and chief executive. Rich, famous... and repossessed

By Jon Ashworth

SENIOR executives at Rat- is believed to be under pres-

ners Group, Britain's biggest sure to hand over one of his

BY MATTHEW BOND

SAVILLS has long enjoyed a reputation as estate agent to the rich and famous, but not even the highest echelons of the property market are immune from the savagery of the recession.

Pre-tax losses of £762,000 at Savills were 76 per cent higher than last year, prompting the firm to pass its interim dividend (1.125p). Traditional businesses such as the selling of country houses and farmland made an operating loss of E575,000, while newer and recently successful ventures such as commercial

property contributed a loss of £259,000. But all is far from lost, as George Inge, Savills' chairman, made clear. For while the patronage of Britain's landed gentry and wealthy City executives is no less important to Savills these days, the firm is increasingly active in a different

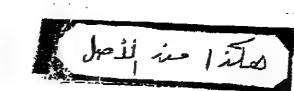
tershire farmland to London flats, the role of the receiver or liquidator is becoming ever more significant in the property market. For unlike the prudent owner who, in the current market, will opt to sit tight and ride out the storm,

receivers nearly always have to sell. Mr Inge said: "We're getting an increasing line of instructions from banks and receivers. Once things are in the hands of the receiver, then you know they have to be sold, which does help us

The firm's best known instruction from the insolvency profession was to sell Burley-on-the Hill, the 750-acre Leicestershire estate formerly owned by a company backed by Asil Nadir, the former chairman of Polly Peck International Together with Knight Frank & Rutley, Savills last month sold the es-

line of work — insolvency. From Leices- tate for £2.5 million. some £4.5 million less than Mr Nadir paid for the property in 1990. Insolvency work has also lifted the firm's London residential division, which in the six months to end-October returned to profit after making substantial losses last year.

The number of properties sold rose 39 per cent, largely due to the success in selling 40 flats in the Cardamom Building, part of Sir Terence Conran's Butlers Wharf development near London's Tower Bridge. Butlers Wharf was placed in receivership last year. London's Docklands, an area hard hit by property company failures, has become one of the firm's busiest areas, Mr Inge said, helping the firm to shift £58 million of property, 10 per cent up on last year. But house prices are still falling, with the average price of a house sold by Savills 11.5 per cent down at £344,000.



## Water group expands

Northumbrian Water has paid \$4 million, including a \$1.1 million deferred payment geared to performance, for Detectronic, a manufacturer of flow control products for the water and effluent

market. Detectronic, based in Blackburn, Lancashire, has turnover of £3.2 million of which over a third is exported.

## Alexanders dips

Alexanders Holdings, the Ford dealer, reports pre-tax profits down from £1.9 mil-lion to £701,000 for the year to September 30 and an unchanged dividend of 1p.

#### Cassidy payout

Cassidy Brothers, the toy maker, is paying an interim dividend of 0.75p (nil) after interim pre-tax profits rose 43.8 per cent to £658,898.

#### Banks ahead

Sidney C Banks, the grain and agricultural merchant. lifted interim pre-tax profits from £1.14 million to £1.25 million. The interim dividend rises from 2.5p to 2.75p.

#### **Hollas declines**

Interim pre-tax profits at Hollas Group, the clothing Hollas Group, the distributor and textiles group, fell from £332,000 to £235,000. The interim dividend stays at 0.6p.

## Redland vote

Rediand's shareholders have approved the £580 million hostile bid for Steetley at an extraordinary meeting.

## **BAA** seeks managers for hotels at airports

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By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

BAA is in talks with Ladbroke and Forte, two of Britain's leading hotel operators, over the future running of its three hotels at London's main

The privatised airport operator hopes to award Lad-broke, which runs the Hilton chain, a contract to run the Sterling Hotel at Heathrow and the Harlequin Hotel at Stansted. Forte, Britain's big-gest hotel operator, is believed to be interested in taking over management of the Sterling

Hotel at Gatwick. The talks reflect the decision by BAA 18 months ago to concentrate on its core business of managing air-



Sir John: change of plan

ports and their associated shopping centres. They also confirm that BAA has abandoned its ambitions for building a 30-strong hotel chain since the arrival of Sir John Egan as chairman in place of Sir Norman Payne.

BAA, which said yesterday that it was in talks with "a number of hotel groups" over the management of its airport hotels, stressed that it intended to retain the freeholds of those properties. The group owns Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted, plus five regional airports.

BAA denied suggestions that it was prepared to con-sider offers for Gatwick airport. However, a spokes-woman acknowledged: "If somebody offered us far more than it was worth, we would have to consider it".

BAA was committed to further development of shops and passenger facilities at Garwick, as well as expansion at Heathrow, she added.

BAA has an interest in the Sterling Hotel at Ghent, Belgium, and in a fifth Sterling Hotel to open in Amsterdam. However, the company declined to reveal its intentions towards those hotels.

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New role: Moger Woolley, appointed by API

## Woolley chosen for API chair

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

API Group, the packaging company that fought off a hostile bid from NMC last year, has appointed Moger Woolley as non-executive

Mr Woolley replaces Peter Armitage, who stepped into the breach when Charles Rawlinson, the group's previ-

ous chairman, and Adrian Missenden, the former managing director, resigned last March, after a disagreement over strategy.

Mr Woolley, aged 56, was chief executive of DRG, until it lost its fight against takeover by Pembridge Investments in 1989.

## Ossory retail park sold

to Boots BY MATTHEW BOND

OSSORY Estates has sold a South Wirral retail park to Boots for £10.5 million. An annual gross rental income of £1 million gives Boots a yield of 9.5 per cent on the pur-chase. Both Halfords, the Boots' subsidiary, and Do-It-All, the Boots joint venture with WH Smith, are tenants on the Bromborough park.

The sale comes only ten months after Ossory acquired the business park for £10.3 million, paid from the £21 million proceeds of a vendor placing and open offer.

John Walker, chairman, said the sale was part of a programme of disposals to reduce gearing and build up cash balances. He said that including the Bromborough sale, the first phase of this programme had now raised £20 million. Last month, Ossory sold the other property it acquired at the time of last year's placing. A York industrial park was sold to Pearl Assurance for £6.1 mil-

While the main group has been divesting property, Ossory Investments Ltd. a joint venture of which Ossory has 22 per cent, has been actively buying. By the time of last October's results, Ossory Investments had invested £100 million in UK property in 13 months. Since October, Ossory Investments, which is controlled by Hypo Bank, has spent a further £36 million on three properties — a shopping centre in Woking, an office block in west London and a shopping centre on the out-skirts of Edinburgh.

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**BUSINESS ROUND UP** 

## TSB facing strikes over staff structure

UNION leaders at the TSB Bank are today expected to agree to a series of one-day strikes in protest against the bank's plans to impose a new staff structure. A ballot among TSB's 20,000 staff, who are members of the banking, insurance and finance union has shown 70 per cent favour strike action in protest against the new structure, which the union says will lead to further redundancies and lower pay. The national committee of Bifu's TSB branch will meet in London today to discuss the result of the ballor, and is likely to back one-day action before reopening negotiations with the bank's management. The dispute arose when the bank proposed a staff structure with four grades instead of the previous five. "The salaries levels it is proposing are too low,"

## Hadleigh in the red

a union spokeswoman said.

HADLEIGH Industries, an automotive and engineering group, cut its interim dividend to 1.25p (2.2p) after suffering a pre-tax loss of £283,000 (£1.1 million profit) in the six a pre-tax loss of £283,000 (£7.1 million prom) in the six months to September 30. Turnover of the USM-quoted company was down 20 per cent to £14 million but Tony Cookson, chief executive, believes the company is over the worst. Difficult trading conditions were exacerbated by a surge in interest payments, from £67.000 to £296.000, and gearing jumped from 44 to 84 per cent, largely owing to an acquisition. There is a 2.5p loss per share {10.4p earnings}.

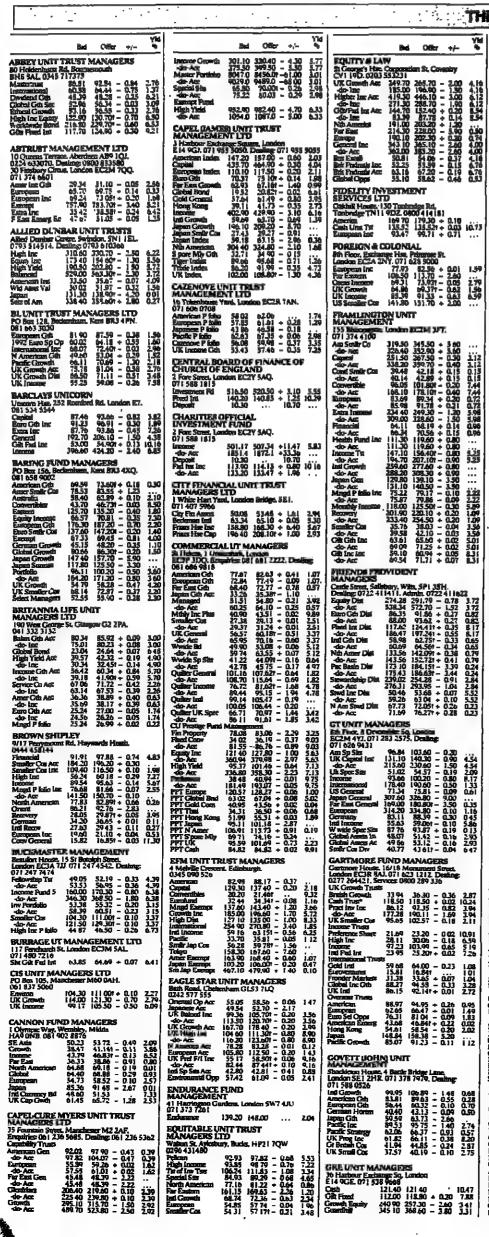
## Inchcape succeeds

INCHCAPE, an international services conglomerate, said 89.3 per cent of a £376 million rights issue had been taken up by shareholders. The cash call was announced on December 10, when the company said the proceeds would be used to help fund its £382 million acquisition of Tozer Kemsley and Millbourn (Holdings) from Brierley Investments, the New Zealand investment and trading group. The one-for-three issue was priced at 310p per share. Inchcape said in a statement that Baring Brothers had found subscribers for the balance of the issue.

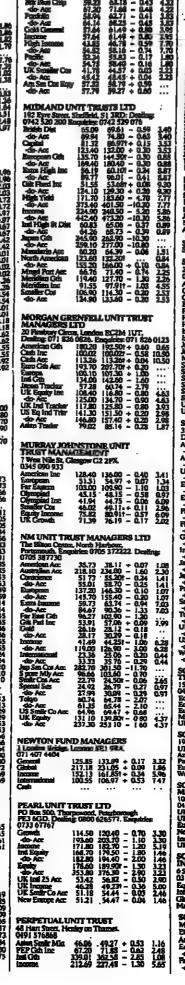
## Bespak climbs 46%

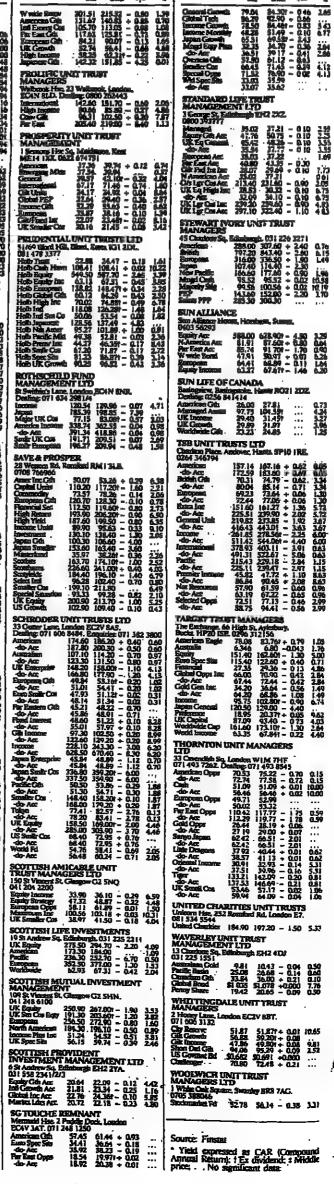
BESPAK, the maker of aerosol valves and other components BESPAR, the maker of aerosol valves and other components for the pharmaceutical industry, reported pre-tax profits up 46 per cent at £2.98 million (£2.04 million) in the 26 weeks to November 1. Turnover rose 23 per cent to £16.4 million, while operating profits were up 21 per cent at £2.95 million, while operating profits were up 21 per cent at £2.95 million. Interest charges were down from £417,000 to £41,000, following last June's successful £10.9 million rights issue. The interim dividend is raised from 3.0p to 3.5p, with earnings up from 9.7p to 11.9p per share. The shares rose a further 9p to 528p, compared with the rights price of 315p.

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Negotiators seek to avoid a showdown

# Growing pessimism marks efforts to produce Gatt deal

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

FEARS that the world trade talks could be close to breakdown over the thorny issue of. Trade gathering to assess farm subsidies has stepped up the pressure on negotiators to seek to avoid a showdown when they reassemble in Geneva on Monday after the Christmas break.

With America and the European Community indicating no signs of narrowing the ports to farmers, the General Agreement on Tariffs and government responses to a take-it-or-leave-it package of draft accords could reopen old disputes: possibly widening the gap between Wash-

mgton and Brusseis. Against a background of increasing pessimism about the prospects for concluding

gap that divides them on sup- a trade liberalisation deal **Empty seats take** BA by surprise

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

THE number of passengers under half their seats filled travelling on British Airways domestic and European services dropped by 4 per cent last month compared with December 1990.

Most worrying of all for BA chiefs as they studied the figures yesterday was the sudden drop in load factor - the number of passengers carried per aircraft - which fell to less than 60 per cent on shorthaul routes and is almost certain to trigger a call for further cutbacks on unprofitable services.

It can largely be explained by the introduction of bigger aircraft such as the Boeing 737-400, but a load factor averaging only 59.5 per cent means a growing number of flights are taking off with

and losing money heavily. The figures follow two months when traffic and revenue had shown signs of growing again. It had been booed that December would show a

further improvement over a

year earlier, when war in the

Gulf was just around the

Airline officials maintained; however, that compared with December 1989 there had been an 8.8 per cent increase in revenue passenger kilometres — the number of passengers multiplied by the distance they travelled.
They attributed this to passengers bringing travel plans forward because of the Gulf situation, thus inflating the

December 1990 figures.

## Sun Alliance joins Norway bid battle

By Jonathan Prynn

SUN Alliance, the composite insurance group, has laimened a £72 million white knight bid for Forenede-Gruppen of

The NKr200 (£17.8 million) a share bid for the fourth : largest life company in Norway, is being made through Codan, Sun Alliance's 71:5 per cent owned Danish sub-

The offer is recommended follows a NKri45 a share bid from Gjensidige, a Norwe-

gian insurance company. Forenede has not yet published its 1991 accounts but.

NKri 329 million, giving it 10 per market share, and non-life premiums of NK-758 million Bandings per share were NK-13.59

after tax.
A spokesman for Sun Alliance said both sides of the Norwegian company's operations were profitable, with littie exposure to major offshore risks, such as oil rigs. The goodwill write-off resulting

The move is the latest in a joint ventures on the Conti-

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after five years of talks, trade diplomats were yesterday sig-nalling that the Uruguay Round would probably drag on for up to three more months before decisions The Group of Seven leaders agreed at the July economic

summit in London to aim at concluding the talks by the end of 1991, already a year later than originally planned. The prospect of further delay, and the mounting uncertainty about the outcome, has aroused fears that the round might fall foul of the electoral cycle in America and Europe.

The increasingly protectionist image that President Bush is projecting, and the strong resistance to change from France, Europe's main agricultural exporter, have retrade talks could collapse, unleashing a wave of protection-ism that could brake world growth sharply.

On Monday, negotiators will be presenting their governments' responses to the draft text put forward on December 20 by Arthur Dunkel, the Gatt director general. His proposals, especially the compromise on agricultural supports, has met fierce criticism in Europe, Japan and America. Australia, which has led the Cairns Group of farm exporting nations, has, however, accepted the package. Mr Dunkel is expected to seek general acceptance that his draft text be the basis for continuing the search for a deal and completing the round. Despite the risk of becoming entangled in the American presidential election campaign, diplomats believe the talks could run until mid-April at the outside, which would allow an agreement to come into force at the start of 1993.

Community trade and in-dustry ministers meet again tomorrow to consider the Dunkel proposals, but France has already indicated that it rejects the draft text on agriculture.

Exchanges have also taken place this week between key trade representatives from the commission and the Bush administration. However, Brussels officials have indihave surfaced over the farm issue, suggesting that impored. Mr Dunkel gave warning that governments that sought to urravel his package could put the whole round at risk.



Profit brake: Peter Vardy believes the car market should recover next year

## Vardy car sales 'hit by banks'

PETER Vardy, the chairman of Reg Vardy, the multi-franchise motor car dealer, believes the company has lost" 1,300 in car sales in the last six months because of the tougher attitude of banks and leasing com-panies towards buyers want-

ing purchasing finance.

Mr Vardy suggests that the ear market will recover once the uncertainty about the general election is resolved and that new car registrations will improve next year after a poor 1991.

The group was made a franchisee of Nissan Motor (GB), the Japanese manufac-turers' distribution company for its own cars, on January 1 and it is looking to increase its representation of Japanese car manufacturers in

profits of E2.02 million in the six months ended October. compared with £2.1 million previously, on a turnover of £95.6 million (£93.7 million) and is raising the interim dividend 8 per cent to 1.3p.

## Goode benefits from restructure

By Jonathan Prynn

THE restructuring at Goode Durrant, the van hire to housebuilding group, has begun to pay off with first-half profits up on the second half of last year, although well down on a year ago.

Pre-tax profits for the six months to end October were £2.64 million (£5.33 million), 30 per cent ahead of the £2.04 million recorded for the six months to end-April.

The performance was bitterly attacked by Winnedael, an investment vehicle holding 24 per cent of Goode and controlled by the south African Nash family . Timothy Nash criticised the "abysmal performance" of Goode, the dual roles held by Michael

directors on the board. The most marked improve ment came in the vehicle and equipment hire division, which saw profits before tax

soar from £187,000 to £1.3 million since the year end. Profits for the van hire business, Northgate, during the period were higher than for the whole of last year.

Profits at Laidlaw, the car dealer subsidiary, were well down on the same period last year, while Rawlings, the housebuilding and construction division, suffered from the general weakness in the property market. Mr Waring said construction did not form part of the group's long

term strategy. The interim dividend was held at 2.15p. With earnings per share falling from 6.5p to 3.5p, dividend cover was reduced to 1.6 times. Year-end borrowings of £10 million were reduced during the first half, said Dudley Thompson the finance director. Mr Waring said the company would remain cautious while the riming of the recession remained uncertain.

## Mansfield to buy 86 more public houses from Courage

By MARTIN WALLER

MANSFIELD Brewery, the interests of the Rumasa Yorkshire and East Midlands beer maker, is buying a package of 86 Courage public houses in its area for an estimated £10 million.

This is the second deal Mansfield has done with Courage in a year. Last April. the company bought 29 larger managed houses for £8.6 million. Colin Stump, the Mansfield commercial and marketing director, said the latest purchase would be satisfied out of the company's existing borrowing facilities and would not involve the

issue of shares. Mansfield was offered a larger package by Courage and picked out those it wanted in its area. The company will have a total estate of 421 houses after the latest deal, which is subject to legal

Mansfield said the announcement had been made before the deal was finalised, to allay fears and uncertainties of existing Courage tenants, who will transfer with their pubs. The Courage estate had been known to be on the market. and speculation in the trade had named a number of

Most of the pubs being bought are in villages or small

Meanwhile, as part of the continuing shakeout in the drinks trade, it has emerged that Bass is in exploratory talks to sell its Augustus Barnett off-licences to Allied-Lyons in a deal that would create a second big nationwide chain to vie with Whitbread's recently enlarged Thresher business.

Neither party would comment on the deal, but analysts believe the 600 Augustus Barnett outlets are worth more than £40 million, on the basis that Whitbread bought GrandMet's 667-strong Peter Dominic chain for £50 million. Allied-Lyons may also buy Bass's Chateau Lascombes vineyard in Bordeaux.

The merged outfit would be just short of the 1,600 outlets now owned by Threshers. The next biggest off-licence chain, owned by Greenalls. has about 500 branches. As well as bringing economies of scale, the purchase of Augustus Barnett would provide nuraner outlets i wines and spirits business.

Bass bought 250 Augustus Barnett off-licences in 1983 from the receivers and subsequently rebranded the rest of its portfolio. The business was previously one of the English

group of Spain.

☐ Scottish & Newcastle is moving one of two canning lines now in Edinburgh to Manchester and replacing it with a bottling plant, creating unspecified but small redundancies. The move will shift some canning capacity to England, where the takehome market is strongest, while increasing bottling output in Scotland, where demand is greatest. S&N says.

## Orders at **Airbus** fall to 100

Aircraft orders at Airbus Industrie fell to about 100 in 1991, well below 1990's 404 and the group's earlier 1991 forecast of 145. The group delivered slightly less than the 170 jets it forecast for 1991.

A spokesman for the consortium said: "Everybody's orders are down this year. It was, as we expected, a lot worse than previous years." All the civil aircraft makers

expected orders to plunge in 1991 due to losses suffered by most airlines.

#### Record levy

The collapse of the London United Investments insurance group has resulted in the biggest ever levy, 0.5 per cent of net 1990 income, on all 500 general insurers in the UK under the Policy Holders Protection Act. LUI went into administration in May 1990 when a £100 million shortfall was found in its reserves.

#### NFC in talks

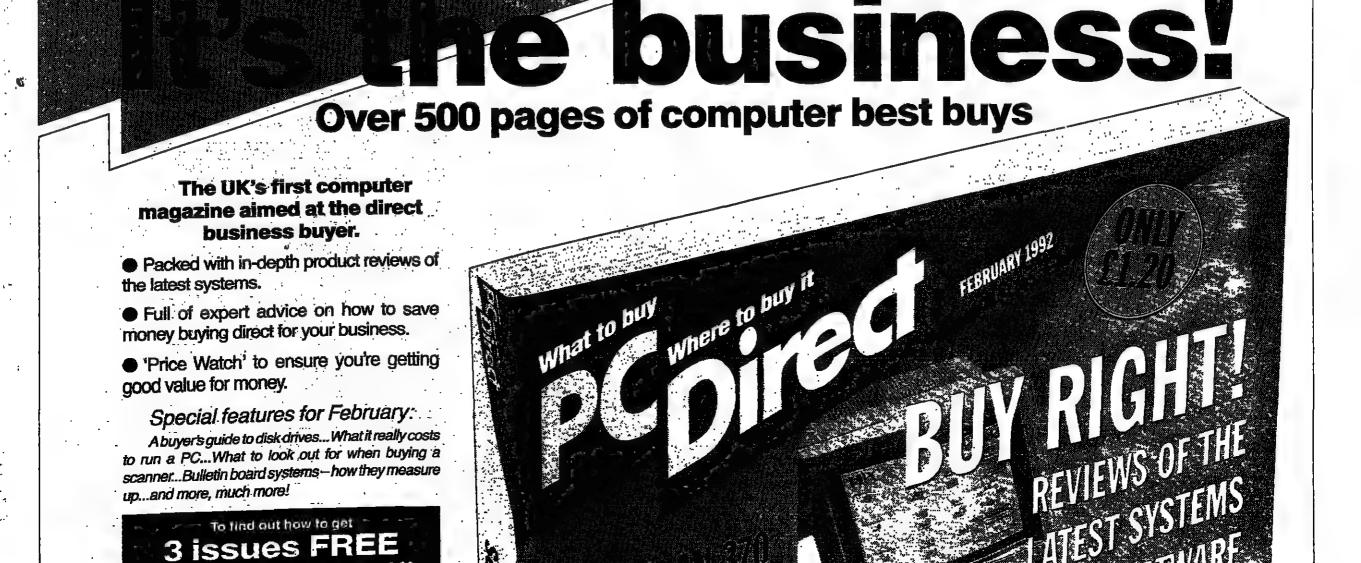
NFC, the owner of Pickfords, is in talks with Ansett Transport Industries, of Australia, about the purchase of Ansett Wridgways, its removals off-shoot which has a turnover of A\$50 million (E20.2 million).

## Century buys

Century, the investment group with £150 million under management, has bought NEL Britannia, with £600 million under management, from UNUM for an

### Malta bourse

Malta opened its first stock exchange yesterday. Trading began in government stocks worth about \$120 million.



## Z TENPUS

## Trends speak louder than profit at Dixons

THE City was cheered yes-terday by Dixons Group in-terim profits — down 36 per cent at £17.5 million. It's that sort of recession.

Leaving aside the numbers, the trends at Dixons are encouraging. Profits at the UK retail business almost doubled to £20.5 million in the six months to November 9, while Christmas sales, including those at new stores, were up about 15 per cent. Group share of the domestic electrical retail market rose from 17 to 18 per cent.

Group sales were £869 million, up from £812 million, although operating profits fell from £19.4 mil-lion to £12.7 million. Interest accrued fell from £7.3 million to £3.9 million, and pre-tax profits dropped from £27.2 million to £17.5 million. Earnings slipped from 3.4p to 1.6p a share, which just covers the maintained 1.6p interim

The main reason for the profits downturn was the performance of Silo, the American company, where weaknesses were exposed by the recession. A £2.3 million loss grew to a £10.9 million loss in the first half, prompting the board to set up a new retail management group, which is now responsible for turning Silo

Property trade also had a quiet first half, with profits falling from £9.8 million to £3.1 million. However, Stanley Kalms, Dixon's chairman, had expected that result. Fewer proper-ties were sold in the first half, although profits were good on those that were sold. The Beaulieu office development in Brussels is nearly finished and has been pre-let to the European Commission. The sale of the building is expected to raise Dixons' profits by about £10 million in the

next financial year. The 12p rise in the share price to 204p yesterday re-flected a rise in City confi-dence in the business. The shares are still 70p off their high for the last 12 months but are trading on 17 times earnings, assuming pre-tax profits of £75 million for this year. The rating is 12 times 1992-3 carnings. The shares are worth buying for the inevitable recovery in

## Misys books its place for the tourist upturn

TOURISTS are not yet booking into hotels as they used to, but Misys, a com-puter systems and services group, thinks it might not be too long before they do. Misys has, therefore, bought Innsite Interna-

tional, a software and computer services company serving the UK hotel market, for £3.55 million. Part of the package is the as-sumption of £1.7 million of debt. The purchase is at seven times historic earnings, and innsite should prove carnings-positive in

the first year.

Misys is funding the deal
by placing 1.82 million
shares at 195p each. Innsite's pre-interest prof-its were held back by overcas difficulties in the year to the end of February, 1990, and should have £700,000, instead of £441,000 as reported. The business's previous prob-lems have been resolved, however, and profits are for the year ending next

Misys, under the chair-manship of Kevin Lomax, has bounced back from ear-



Lomax: bounced back November 30 from £1.52 million to £3.59 million. The interim dividend rises from 2.16p to 2.27p. The group had net cash balances of £7.4 million on November 30 and remains in a buying mood. Likely pre-tax profits of £8.5 mil-lion to May 31. against £5.6 million last time, put the shares, at 204p, on a prospective multiple of 12.5. Any improvement in the economy will have a decided impact on Misys's net earnings.

The shares are worth

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## STOCK MARKET

## US firmness helps index to more than halve loss

THE equity market suffered another day of violent fluctuations as it attempted to come to terms with a steady trickle of gloomy news on the international and economic fronts. The FT-SE 100 index was down more than 40 points in early trading, but a firm start on Wall Street enabled it to rally and reduce the deficit to 15.8 at 2,467.1 by the close. Some 505 million shares changed hands. but trading was described as thin. Most of the institutions have still to decide their future strategy in the wake of the market's strong run over Christmas and the new year. Market-makers were

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forced to mark prices lower at first on the back of disappointing performances overnight in New York and Tokyo. The fall in the Dow Jones industrial average was prompted by claims that one big company was about to file

for bankruptcy protection.
The pound's continuing weakness against the mark also gave cause for concern, leaving government securities nursing falls of E4 at the longer end. The news that President Bush had collapsed at a banquet in Tokyo also affected sentiment. Fund managers are now resigning themselves to the possibility of further violent fluctuations in the market-place in the weeks to come unless there is a significant improvement in the economic outlook.

Inchcape, the international trading group, rose 5p to 390p as Barings placed the rump of the 10 million shares stemming from the group's cash-raising operation to fi-nance the acquisition of TKM.

Guinness fell 13p to 538p after becoming the latest victim of profit downgradings by brokers. Cazenove, a joint broker to Guinness, has reduced its forecast for 1992 by £30 million to £1.08 billion -

Guimæss: Sharies slip AS BROKERS MAKE YEAR-END ADJUSTMENTS

just a shade below the company's other broker, James

The rest of the drinks sector appeared mixed with Allied-Lyons falling 12p to 630p. Vaux Group 3p to 210p, Whithread's A shares 8p to 457p, and Wolverhampton & Dudley 4p to 554p. However, there were gains for Bass, 1p to £10.27p, Grand Metropolitan, 5p to 919p, Greene King, 6p to 447p, and Greenalis, 1p to 381p.

Optimistic remarks from Dixons, the electrical retailer, lifted the shares 13p to 205p.

92p and WH Smith A. 6p to 417p. Burton fell 12p to 35 p amid claims that a line of 5 million shares was over-

continued to cast a shadow over the holiday companies. Thomson, Britain's biggest tour operator, announced substantial price cuts this week. Airtours, which had been traded at more than £9 last month, fell 14p to 813p. while Owners Abroad lost 5p

to 98p.
The banking sector was still worried about bad debts.

Hartstone, the hosiery and leather goods group, which is seeking £65 million by rights issue to finance the acquisition of two European companies, fell 3p to 257p. BZW placed 835,000 nil-paid shares at 12p. The shares belonged to Derck. Guinness, the company's founder and former director. This means his holding has been reduced to below the disclosable limit. The nil-paid finished 2p lower at 14p.

Ratners regained some of its composure with a rise of 2p to 23p. The debt-laden group will give some indication of its Christmas trading tomorrow with some City analysts esti-mating that sales could be as

much as 40 per cent down.

Meanwhile, there were losses for Arges, 2p to 250p,
Body Shop, 9p to 328p, Clinton Cards, 12p to 78p, Great Universal Stores A, 13p to £13.45, Marks and Spencer, lap to 272ap, Scars, 2p to

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hanging the market. Worries about a price war

Barclays eased 1p to 360p, Alucy National 2p to 282p, Lloyds 6p to 384p, Royal Bank of Scotland 2p to 159p and TSB 1p to 116p. Mid-land, which has been the subject of takeover rumours, added 3p to 212p. There was renewed talk that the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, which already has a 15 per cent stake in Midland, may launch a

dard Chartered both firmed a 1p, to 264p and 425p respec-The electricity companies

were again unsettled as political doubts before the general election resurfaced. Eastern slipped 4p to 223p, East Midlands 2p to 242p, Man-Midlands 2p to 242p, Man-web 5p to 314p, Midlands 3p to 256p and Yorkshire 2p to 299p. The generators also dimmed, with National Pow-er 52p lower 137p and PowerGen off 5p to 145p, while Scottish Power dipped 2p to 106p and Scottish Hy-

Cable and Wireless fell 14p to 580p on fears of competi-tion from Sprint of America. Vodafone, which was hit by 2 downgrading from UBS Phillips & Drew on Tuesday, lost a further 4p to 356p, making a two-day deficit of 19p. BT lost 2 2p to 328 2p, while the BT partly paid fell 1 2p to

lower at £11.67, having been

Wellcome lost a further 10p to £10.08, making a two-day deficit of \$4p, with some analysts still claiming the shares are overvalued. Giano added 22p to 885p, while Smith Kline Beecham A reversed a 14p deficit to end 1p

firmer at 906p..

Bespak, the fast-growing maker of acrosol valves and other specialised components for the pharmaceutical industry, continued to buck the trend with a 46 per cent advance in first-half profits. Bespak saw its shares advance a further 11p to 530p, compared with last June's

rights price of 315p.

Sun Alliance, Brizzin's biggest composite insurer, was 10p adrift at 286p, despite the news of expansion through an agreed 572 mil-lion offer for Norway's Forenede-Gruppen.

MICHAEL CLARK

## rights issue to finance the

## Nikkei falls 851 points in thin trade

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Nikkei index fell 851.39 points, or 3.61 per cent, to 22,715.00 in its biggest singie-day drop since August 19 or "Red Monday", the day of the abortive Moscow coup. Turnover fell to about 200 million shares compared with 220 million on Tuesday.

Tighter short-term interest rates and an absence of fresh buying incentives undermined sentiment as selling by investment trusts and arbitrage unwinding hammered prices. Tadashi Kawakami,

board and this easily bring the Nikkei down in such thin volume. Bearish sentiment is gaining ground as people focus again on the poor pros-pects for economic recovery." The Nikkei opened 26.86 points below its close on Tues-

day, ignoring Wall Street's overnight gains to drift steadily lower in thin, futuresdominated trading. One broker said that every-

thing had been taken into account by the market - last week's cut in discount rate,

Tokyo — Shares plunged to of Merrill Lynch, said: "Index the stronger yen and Presi- and the impact on Japanese close at the day's lows. The selling is going on across the dent Bush's visit to Japan. exports," one added. Domes-Broken said that rumoun

of a fresh financial scandal, involving top politicians and a parcel distribution com-268.77 points below its close on December 30, when the Bank of Japan's decision to cut its discount rate helped trigger a rally. Brokers said that this week's visit by Mr Bush had no direct impact on the market. "But it is making

investors focus on the depres-

sed state of the US economy

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MONAL LITYESTORS WERE keen to sell at present price levels before the end-of-year book-closing in March.

pany, helped to push prices | Singapore - Prices closed lower. The Nikkei is now mostly lower on profit-taking. 268.77 points below its close The Strains Times industrial. index closed at 1,494.55, down 6.54 points.

□ Sydney — The market drifted lower after trading in a tight range, oblivious to a one percentage point cut in official interest rates. The allordinaries index closed 4.3 lower at 1,663.4.

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## Dow bounces back

moved higher in the morning after buy programmes and bargain-hunting erased earlier losses. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 7.17 points to 3,212 after recovering from an early low of 3,186. Shares had opened lower amid fears about President Bush's health and steep

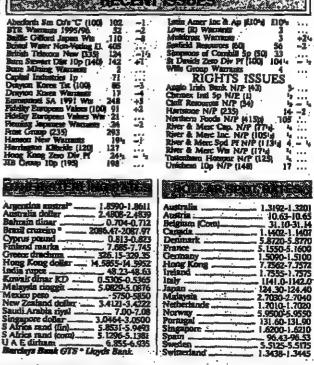
share losses overseas. ished lower as profit-taking,

New York - Blue chips triggered by Tokyo's 85!point fall, overcame early selective buying, brokers said.

The Hang Seng index fell 10:26 points to 4,337.67 after rising to a daytime high of 4,373.66 in the mid-morning. The broader-based Hong Kong index fell 7.53 points to end at 2,831.43.

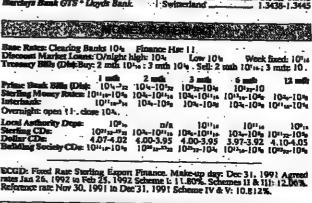
☐ Frankfurt — Shares ended a quiet day 0.9 per cent lower. ☐ Hong Kong - Prices fin- The Dax index ended 13.72 lower at 1,578.73. (Reuter)

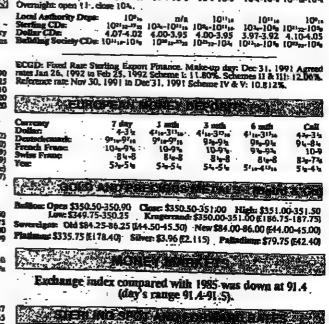


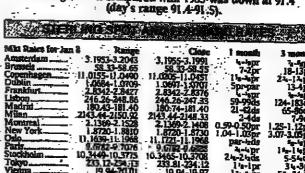


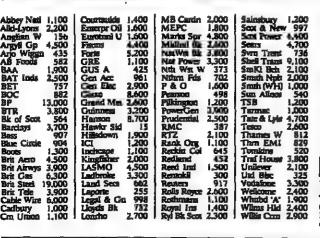
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REPORT: Robusta collec futures ended a routine day with moderate gains. Raw sugar futures made gains in late afternoon trading, boosted by a rise in New York where the market was supported by some producer buying. The barley market continued to find little buying support with prices again closing unchanged in thin trade. LONDON POX Volume, 9346 COFFEE (ROBUSTA) RAW SUGAR (FOR)

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## Holding fast on sterling

here is nothing particularly surprising about the increasingly explicit admissions by the Chancellor and the prime minister that their autumn forecasts of recovery in the British economy were over-optimistic. Official forecasts were ahead of most private projections at the time and the gap has widened since. The significance of official discomfort, especially in election year, lies in the foreign exchange market. The more stiplid it becomes, for the British economy, to raise sterling interest rates, the more currency traders wonder whether the government would really undermine any recovery in business or its own electoral chances, for however short a period, to support sterling within the ERM. Repeated clear assurances of the government's commitment to existing rates

are to some extent offset by diverse calls for devaluation or exit from the ERM.

Sterling now appears to be at rock bottom in its ERM bands, but this is not yet a critical point. Against the mark, rather than the ERM currencies as a whole, the pound is well within its absolute limit, with more than 2 per cent to go before intervention becomes necessary. Under the ERM rules, however, all the rates count and the rate against the peseta, as ever at the top of the league, determines the effective floor against the mark

The peseta, rather than the pound, should be regarded as the odd man out. The Spanish currency, booked by many forecasters for a substantial fall eventually, is still subject to exchange controls, most of which are to be abolished next month. Since Spaniards will then be able to borrow as well as deposit abroad, abolition may make little difference. For the moment, however, the peseta's value remains, artificial. If the Bank of England applied any quantity of the \$43 billion reserves to selling pesetas for pounds, the gap would rapidly diminish. That is not done, simply because there is not a sufficiently liquid market, which makes equal nonsense of the limit. If sterling were really indusper, these artificial elements in the ERM should be deallered before the Benk of ERM should. be challenged before the Bank of England needs to spend reserves seriously.

## Paper money

stonia is giving an admirable example of currency self-help to its bigger neighbours in the former Soviet Union. Having decided to replace the rouble with the kroon, probably some time in the spring, the tiny Baltic republic-has set about creating reserves, to back its new money, with ingenity. First came the successful campaign by the three Baltic states to reclaim their pre-war gold, of which Estonia's share is thought to be about \$120 million. Now the central bank plans to mobilise the country? plentified softwood forests, making the kroonpotentially the ultimate paper currency. The simple idea is that Estonia will borrow about \$150 million of hard foreign currencies in loans secured: on about 2 per cent of its forests.

There is nothing new about companies, particularly oil and mining groups, borrowing on "tonnage" debentures secured on the mineral resource to be developed. Nations starting with state ownership of resources are in an excellent; position to do the same. Russia and other memneed a rouble stabilisation fund on a completely different scale from Estonia. Since they have proportionately as well as absolutely far greater natural resources, including much gold and the world's biggest natural gas reserves, there is surely. no need to rely too heavily on international institutions and Western largesse.

# The bell of closure tolls early, but inevitably, at Ravenscraig

Philip Bassett

examines the insistent logic behind British Steel's decision to close its Scottish strip mill by next September

n a rare public recognition of a workforce campaign against a threatened industrial closure. Tommy Brennan, the union convenor who led the fight against the shutting of the Ravenscraig steelworks, was last week awarded an MBE in the new year honours list. Yesterday the death knell of the plant he had fought so long to save

was finally sounded by British Steel.
In the end, the only surprise in vesterday's announcement was the timing of the closure: in September, rather than in 1994. But the fact that the Craig not only would go, but had to go, has been painfully appar-

Some in the steel industry, including many senior managers in British Steel itself, believe that the seeds of Ravenscraig's closure have been germinating for even longer -- virtu-ally since the plant was first opened in 1963, if not before.

The long-term future of the Craig has probably always been in doubt. The plant's establishment was the result of an unhappy compromise in the history of now-discredited post-war governments' centralised indus-trial planning. As Conservative prime minister, Harold Macmillan twisted the arm of the then private steel industry to build not the one large integrated steel plant it wanted, but two medium-sized works one at Llanwern in South Wales, and the other at Ravenscraig, in Lanarkshire, southwest of Glasgow.

The plan was for Ravenscraig to supply new industries also backed by the government, including the Linwood car factory and the Invergordon aluminium smelter. Both are now closed, along with shipbuilding and other major customers of Ravenscraig, meaning that by the time of British Steel's privatisation in 1988, only 4 per cent of Raven-scraig's output was used in Scotland. Distance from its customers

became an increasing handicap:
That British Steel was strategically withdrawing from Scotland was undeniable well before yesterday's announcement about Rayenscraig. Last year BS closed both the Clydes dale tube works, at Bellshill, and Ravenscraig's hor strip mill, with the loss of 1,200 and 800 jobs respectively. Though BS stressed yesterday that its plate-making works at Dalzell would be unaffected by the Ravenscraig closure, its future is clearly uncertain, given BS's declared intention to build a new £400 million plate mill on Teesside.

The industrial logic of closing Ravenscraig, which 15 years ago employed 13,000 but which is now down to the 1,200 who will directly lose their jobs as a result of the announcement, had become grindingly inevitable and, despite the public outcry resulting from the

RECESSION BITES AT BRITISH STEEL 1987 Years to March 1988

decision, was both largely expected and accepted. Archie Bethel, chief executive of the Lanarkshire Development Agency, has said: "I think most people now accept that this kind of manufacturing is a thing of the past, and we must look for new ays of making a living."

The government's quick move yesterday to promise extra help for Lanarkshire, and to press within the EC for it to be given enterprise zone status, will add to the measures already taken in the area by the-

British Steel, which once employed more than 250,000 workers. will have fewer than 47,000 following the Craig's closure'

development agency and by British Steel Industry, BS's social assistance and redevelopment arm, to look for

But it will be hard. A decade ago, the steel towns of Consett, Corby and Shotton were all devastated by new work, with considerable success. That much further north, that much further away from the economic engine of the heart of the EC,

and in the midst of a severe recession, Lanarkshire will clearly find it even harder to get anything to begin to replace the Craig. The development agency's estimates of a knockon effect on jobs of up to 16,000 in the area may be on the high side; many subcontractors and suppliers, aware of the likely closure, have for some time been desperately looking for new contracts. Clearly, however.

Sir Bob Scholey, BS's abrasive

the impact will still be huge.

chairman, knows that. A widelycriticised figure in Scotland, not just for his closure decisions but for his refusal to explain or justify publicly BS's stance, "Black Bob" is aware of how hard the Scottish closures have hir "There is an idea that I'm a Saddam Hussein running this job", he told The Scotsman newspaper. But faced with the pressures on BS, Sir Bob explained to Ian Lang. the Scottish secretary, when he told him on Monday of the closure plan. that BS had no choice. While regretting the impact of the decision, ministers, led by John Major, have queued up to make clear their acceptance of the BS case for closure based on its analysis and forecasts of domestic and international markets

for steel strip products. The figures BS has shown to the government remain confidential. but the current toughness of the steel

years of EC protection, which many argued simply resulted in far too many high-cost steel producers, steel companies across Europe have been hit by a downward spiral of lower production volumes, a vicious price

war and evaporating profits. Widely regarded as Europe's financially strongest producer, BS has only held that place by being in the forefront of cost-cutting with the aim as far as possible of maintain-ing profitability and market share: the Ravenscraig decision is clearly

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an indicator of its intention to remain there. But analysts are forecasting that BS could make a wholeyear loss this year of up to £100 million, after reporting in November that its pre-tax profits for the first half had collapsed from £307 million to just £19 million.

This financial core to British Steel's argument for closing Ravenscraig will not save it, though, from the political furore over the guaran-

open. There were two: one was from George Younger, then Scottish secretary, in 1984, of a 10-year guarantee of the plant's life. Like his successor. Malcolm Rifkind. he fought a doughty battle to keep the Craig open: inevitably, Mr Lang will be blamed for failing to match the success of his predecessors.

Political guarantees last only as long as the politicians. Of greater difficulty for BS will be its own guarantee, reported to the House of Commons in December 1987, that it would maintain production at Ravenscraig until the end of 1994, or failing that, indicate its willingness to sell. Gordon Brown, Labour's energetic industry spokesman, leapt on the point yesterday though he was cannily careful to make no pledges that a Labour government, which might come to power before Ravenscraig's closure, would try to alter the closure plan.

BS is likely to meet the point by stressing that its guarantees were conditional: that built into every statement about Ravenscraig was the rider that keeping the plant open until 1994 could only be guaranteed if market conditions justified it, and as its terse statement announcing the closure put it yesterday, the current market of "continuing deep global recession and general price weakness" meant that the Craig's time has come. When Ravenscraig finally shuts its gates in the autumn, and the accompanying Hunterston port is sold, BS will concentrate its steelmaking efforts on its remaining principal sites at Lianwern and Port Talbot in South Wales, Redcar on Teesside and Scunthorpe on south Humberside. BS, which once employed more than 250,000 workers. will have fewer than 47,000 following the closure of Ravenscraig.

Local authorities, trade unions and the Labour party may well try to remount the long-running campaign to keep Ravenscraig open now that BS has finally bitten the dosure bullet. But their hearts will not be much in it, despite the social damage the closure will cause. They know that the record of opposition to closures over the last decade has not been a successful one: few, if any, industrial plants threatened with closure have been kept open by campaigns of opposition, no matter how sophisticated they have been.

Potential campaigners, too, have seen the inevitable delayed for too long. In the case of the Craig, they have painfully in their minds a report, completed last year by con-sultants Arthur D Little and originally commissioned by Malcolm Rifkind as Scottish secretary, which could find little if any case for the plant being kept open.

Now that the decision to close the Craig has finally been taken, BS is unlikely to back away from it. The days of steelmaking in Scotland are now over. The killing of the Craig marks the final move for Scotland from being an area of heavy, bedrock industry. Against the challenges of the Japanese, the Koreans and the Brazilians, it also marks British Steel's continuing drive to try to remain a player in the world steel

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#### Belt 'n' braces for CBI hunt

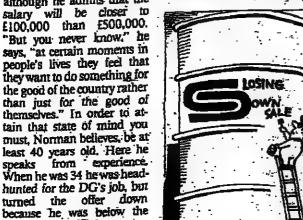
MORE than 100 applicants have already responded to the high profile advertisements in the quality national press for a new director general of the Confederation of British Industry. The post is being advertised publicly for the first time although candidates are also being sought via head-hunting. "It was a strong recommendation of ours to the CBI that we should use both methods. given the uniqueness of the job, says David Norman, aged 50, chairman of Norman Broadbent, the recruitment consultant involved. He anticipates having a new candidate signed up within three. months, ready to take over from Sir John Banham when he retires in July. The candidate is, says Norman, likely to be from a manufacturing industry, with a successful record and a good communicator. Norman would ideally like him - or her - to be, at present, "the chief executive of a major British company," although he admits that the salary will be closer to £100,000 than £500,000. "But you never know," he says, "at certain moments in people's lives they feel that they want to do something for the good of the country rather than just for the good of themselves." In order to attain that state of mind you must. Norman believes, be at least 40 years old. Here he speaks from experience. When he was 34 he was head-

minimum specified age.

AN ART shop in Burwood, a take to the Boor at the suburb of Melbourne; Aus- upcoming Bass annual meettralia, is called Framed and Hung.

### Chill blast for Bass

WHILE his mother, the sculptress Faith Winter, is waiting to learn whether or not the Queen Mother will, after all, unveil her 9ft bronze statue of "Bomber" Harris outside St Clement's Dane Church at the end of May. following complaints from our fellow Europeans, the Germans, that he masterminded the carpet bombing of Dresden in World War II; the Queen Mother is understood to be taking advice -Martin Winter, aged 37, has been exercising his efforts in an entirely different area. Winter, a senior venture capital partner with Gresham Street law firm Biddle & Co. and the prospective Conservarive candidate for the marginal south London seat of Tooting, is used to advising company directors, behind the scenes, about their various legal positions. Taking an unusually public stance, how ever, Winter is planning to



upcoming Bass annual meeting, to suggest that since the Monopolies and Mergers Commission is forcing the

company to reduce its public house estate from 2,700 to 2,000, one of the first to go should be the Balham Hotel, within his prospective constituency and closed for business since a police raid in November. "I think Bass plans to reopen it but local people would like to see it shut down for, good," says Winter. "It would make a nice wine bar or it could be used for some sort of leisure activity." The Bass board could, of course, view a suitably benevolent gesture as an alternative to a donation to Tory funds.

### Own goal

IS THERE no stopping Sir John Hall, the coal-miner's son turned millionaire who is hailed as the uncrowned king of Tyneside? Sir John, who developed Gateshead's Metro the largest out of town shopping complex in Europe and is one of Britain's richest men, has won the chairmanship of Newcastle United after a long battle and must now be wondering what he has let himself in for. He gave warning this weekend that the club is facing interest payments of £600,000 a year on its £4 million of

Sir John, who has spent at

least £2 million buying shares in Newcastle United and has

a personal fortune estimated

at £70 million, has just won

planning permission to create

a £500 million business park

bank borrowings, and may collapse altogether if it cannot come up with £1.25 million in the next two weeks.

and housing development on his 6.500-acre Wynyard Park estate near Billingham, Cleveland.

#### Many tanks VICKERS scored several

brownie points with John Major on Tuesday — a feat of particular merit to any defence contractor - when, as he and wife Norma toured its Armstrong tank works in Newcastle, Gerry Boxall, chief executive of Vickers Defence Systems, presented him with a miniature brass cricket bat. On one side was engraved "Operation desert storm" and on the other "Challenger 1 : 221 not out", referring, of course, to the fact that all of Vickers Challenger I tanks returned from the Gulf war undamaged. So delighted was cricket mad Major with the trophy that he summoned his wife to examine its inscription. Boxall. known since the Gulf war as the "Field Marshal", was awarded the CBE for his efforts during the campaign. deemed to be well beyond the call of corporate duty.

## Grounded

CREDITORS of Asil Nadir, former chairman of Polly Peck International, are puzzled at the sudden hibernation of Noble Air, his private Turkish airline, Noble, which includes London and Amsterdam on its routes, has grounded its planes until mid-March, a spokesman said, because, "there is no point in flying empty planes." Meanwhile the Turkish press is buzzing with rumours about what is to happen to the

CAROL LEONARD

## BUSINESS LETTERS

#### pensions From Mr R.A. Hammond

Redefining

Chambers

Sir, Despite implications to the contrary, Sean Hand's recommendations of more law and more regulation (January 3) will not make pension funds foolproof from future premeditated pilfering. There exists quite enough law and regulation. although some could be improved. The basic conflict between employer and benefi-ciary lies in the "defined benefits" nature of pension funds: a switch to a "defined contribution" system would do much to resolve such

Yours faithfully, ALEX HAMMOND-CHAMBERS, Grange Dell.

Penicuik, Midlothian.

### NI underpins commitment to unemployed

From Mr J. Shapiro Sir. Mr Shedden and Dr Eamonn Butler must be living elsewhere and not in

The tax payer's commitment to the unemployed is underpinned by the National Insurance every employee pays. If an insurance company had received premiums over a number of years and then dealt with the policy holder when a claim is made in the manner suggested by Mr Shedden and Mr Butler, then the public would rightly claim that the National Insurance premiums had been

### Spoilt statistic

From the General Secretary of the Trades Union Congress Sir. Your report "TUC calls for black and female delegates" (January 6) contains one important error. Of the 528 monitoring forms re-

#### taken on a false premise. The other false assumption

is that there is work available for those claiming unemployment benefit. The registered unemployed number over 2 2 million but the unregistered, those not receiving benefit, number at least as many again. Are we to assume that

being destroyed in the reces-Sion than are created. Yours faithfully JACK SHAPIRO,

they are all work dodgers?

The fact is that more jobs are

100 Brim Hill. Hampstead Garden Suburb.

turned by delegates to our 1991 Congress none was completely spoilt (nor 119 as NORMAN WILLIS. Trades Union Congress, Congress House.

Great Russell Street, WC1.

#### Beating the banks From Mr A.R. de L. Wilde

Sir, Sable Fanshawe wonders (Business News, January 2) why banks do not print interest rates on bank statements in order to avoid the prohibitive costs of sending out "...
notices to all their customers every time they change the interest rates on deposits

Banks may not do this, but the simple solution proposed is followed by at least one building society, Northern Rock, of Newcastle, which does exactly this and has done so for some time. This is a further example of societies offering advantages in service, flexibility and interest rates over the rather tradition-bound clearing banks. Yours faithfully. A.R. de L. Wilde,

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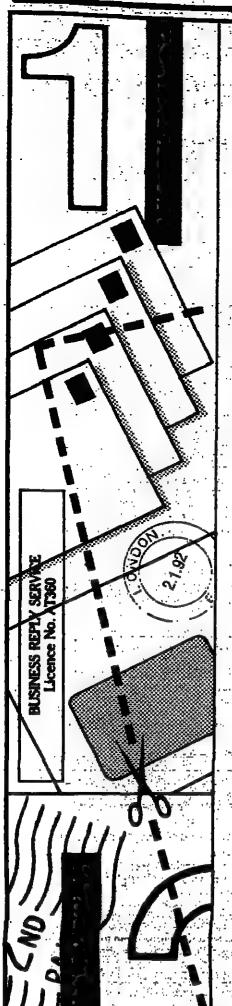
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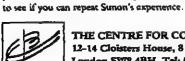




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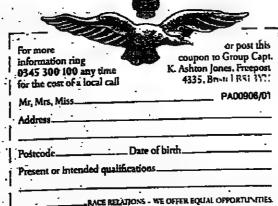
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# Syed serves warning about his future

hen England has not only its most successful men's team since the Fifties but its highest paid, it comes as a surprise that the latest player to break into the squad does not compete full-time, finances studies at Oxford University with a grant and mixes top spin, back spin and float with politics, philosophy and economics.

Matthew Syed, aged 21. was reading about existentialism the afternoon before winning an important final, the Czechoslovak Open, last season, and this week was studying the October revolution between matches for England against China, the world's most successful table tennis nation.

Among the players Syed has beaten are Jean-Philippe Gatien, the world No. 5 from France, and Erik Lindh, the European Top Twelve champion from Sweden, men well on the way to great wealth from a sport which is played in 150 countries and has a world circuit. Syed's victories have been over fine-tuned, motivated and highly-rewarded athleses.

But how long can he keep it up? "I believe my technique is How does a full-time student remain

a part-time success in international

table tennis? Richard Eaton reports

with limited practice for a year of university life, but that I might struggle in the second or third years." Syed says.

Part of the answer may be forthcoming in the next few days, when this lean, strongminded player competes in the English Open, sponsored by Cadbury's Chocolate Break, which starts today at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham. At the country's premier

event. Syed will play in the same team as Chen Xinhua. the former World Cup winner from Yorkshire. Chen. who was an idol and a coach to Syed, is now a friend and doubles partner for the erudite youngster. Syed can empathise with the former Chinese international's situation as his father, as a young man, also had to grapple with the problems of settling in Britain when he came from

Karachi as a student. They have other things in common. Both employ a defensive style that is threatened

good enough for me to do so by technological developments in bat rubbers which have worked mostly in favour of top spinners. Players like Chen and Syed often have to perform athletically around the barriers at the back to survive a wave of hits, loops and smashes.

> A new menace, glue pasted by players between the blade and the rubber, provides ex-tra speed with which to breach opponents' defences. "We have to learn to counteract attack ourselves sometimes." Syed says. "And Chen has helped me a lot with

Whether or not it can work against the world's best this week, or next week. In the European League promotion battle against Czechoslovakia in Bratislava, there is one comfort for England. When he has finished wrestling with the lives and writings of Lenin and Sartre. Syed has promised to devote himself fulltime to grappling with the problems posed by a spinning ball made of celluloid.



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# Jockey Club plan explored

By Richard Evans, racing correspondent

A RACING working party will meet before the end of the month to discuss the Jockey Club's plan for a British Horseracing Board.

The decision to form the group was made yesterday when Christopher Haines. the chief executive of the Jockey Club, addressed the Horseracing Advisory Council on the power-sharing proposals.

Haines had suggested an 
"implementation group" 
should be set up but HAC

members pointed out that would be premature as there are several key areas in the Jockey Club plan which may

need ironing out.
The working party will comprise two riominees from the Jockey Club, two from the HAC and one each from the Racehorse Owners' Association and the Racecourse Asso-

Haines's presentation was followed by "a frank but positive exchange of views on a number of important aspects of the proposals," an HAC statement said later. Sir Neal Macready, the

chairman of the HAC said: There are certain points which we want to make sure are met in the best possible way. Accountability is one of

"We said it would be premature to talk about an implementation group. First of all we have to clarify what we have to implement

The HAC's study group, which produced a discussion document last year on the need for a British Horse racing Authority, will meet on January 20 to review the Jockey Club proposals in detail.

Sunday idea

THE Jockey Club is confemplating staging a race meeting on a Sunday this year, which would technically be illegal. The proposal, to try to establish Sunday racing, willgo before the Jockey Chih stewards on Monday.

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TOBY Tobias, second to Norton's Coin in the 1990 Cheltenham Gold Cup, can end a run of almost two years with- Tobias had made his seasonal out a win by taking the John Bull Chase at Wincarton this

He went on to win his next race after Cheltenham, the Martell Cup at Liverpool, but has failed to get his head in front in four attempts since Even so, his form is clearly that of a high-class perform-er. He has contested the last two runnings of the King George VI Rank Chases at Kempton, on the first occasion finishing second to Desert Orchid, and last month taking fourth behind

The Fellow. That run behind The Fellow was, by any standard, a creditable effort, but made more honourable in this instance by the fact that Toby

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Jenny Pitman, the trainer

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At Edinburgh, the acci-dent-prone Bobbie Stack can register his first success of the season in the Whiteadder Handicap Chase. He has been plagued by jumping errors, most recently evidenced by a fall at Market Rasen last Saturday, but he is a good chaser when things go right for him and Edinburgh seems to suit him.

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on the mark with the course and distance winner Firm Price, who can defy top weight in the Watch Water Conditional Jockeys' Handi-Cap Hurdle. On Lingfield's all-weather

surface, the progressive Marlin Dancer has solid claims in the Talisman Handicap Hurdie. He can overcome a 61b penalty incurred for an easy seven lengths win over Cazaudehore at the Surrey track

## Desert Orchid

DESERT Orchid's first publie appearance since his retirement will be to open Nottingham racecourse's centenary grandstand on February 15 (Michael Seely

The Burridge family, from Leicestershire, have been inundated with requests for the grey's appearance, but have accepted the invitation from Nottingham because it is their local course.

Further discussing Desert Midge Orchid's future, Midge Burridge, one of the coowners and wife of the 13year-old's breeder, Jimmy, said: "We are looking for a first-class promotion agent.
"We are also looking for dignified formal sponsorship. We are not going to go willy nilly for the money,

opening supermarkets and that kind of thing. We want to stick to racecourses and other equine events."

#### FORM FOCUS

CADISSRIDGE CUEEN best Streytsta til in 9-runnar novice hurtie over course and distance (good to
firm) on peruditante start. ANOTHER CANFORD
SMI Shi of 22 to Mr Optimistic in Worcester (2m.
good) novice hurtie on peruditante start.

BOLD IMP 18 4th of 20 to Sweet Dulas in Worcester
(2m. 22, good) novice hurdle in October, ROSCOE
BASS 11 6th of 15 to Issuin in Lingdiel (2m. good)
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TOWN IN Deven (2m. 11, good to farm) novice hurdle. UPHAM VIEW

4th 3rd of 22 to Mr over hurdle. Who GREV (47PS) 12
10th, TEARFUL PRINCE 9th 4th of 14 to Bighayir

2.20 JOHN BULL CHASE (E4,142: 2m 57) (5 runners)

FORM FOCUS

CAVVIES CLOWN best Cool Ground 25 here (3m 11, good to soft) in February 1990. ARDNIGHT TRANK better of four efforts test form when 11½ 2rd of 5 to Pegwell Bay at Newbury (2m 45, TOBY TOBIAS 113rd 4th of 8 to The Fellow in King George VI. Renk Chees at Kempton (3m, good); best Cammerset S in S-runner Taunton (2m 3t, good) hesticogo chees on perutitiment start.

2.50 BLACKMORE VALE HANDICAP CHASE (E2,660: 2m) (5 runners) 

BETTING: 13-8 The Green Staff, 2-1 Tribute To Youth, 7-2 Evening Rain, 5-1 Came Down, 20-1 Tenecount. 1991: IONOCKBRACK 11-12-0 B Powelf (9-4 (s-ten) G Hern 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

EVENING RAIN 8I 2nd of 5 to Bendichs in Plampton
(Zn., good) conditional jockeys handicap chase,
TRIBUTE TO YOUTH 5I 2nd of 7 to Emsee+t in
Policetone (Zn., soft) conditional jockeys handicap
chase or perutitizeds start.

CAME DOWN ZN 3C of 8 to Meter Pacthers in
handicap chase over course and distance (good to
firm) on perutitizate start, a race where

3.20 SPETTISBURY NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE

(£1,625:2m) (20 runners)

1 652-221 THE SLATER 14 (CD,F) (Kewanegh Realing) W G M Turner 7-11-11. B Califord (5)

2 AFTERKELLY (D Sewarith) D Sewarith 7-11-5. A McCabe (7)

3 00-BADBURY LAD 271 (Covidey Bros (Microsyliton) Ltd) J King 6-11-5. J Kavanegh

4 308F-45 BBL GURL 8 (R Broomfeel) P Hobbe 8-11-5. C Mande

5 COTAPANI (Mrs B Loci) R Hadges 7-11-5. Mr A Ferrent (7)

6 D DAWN CHANCE 54 (G Small) R Hadges 6-11-6. A Tory

7 6-0 DERISTONE 49 (G Davide) M Davides 7-11-5. Mr A Ferrent (7)

8 22 EBONY GALE 14 (BF) (P Whelsen) Mrs J Planen 6-11-6. Mr A Ferrent (7)

8 22 EBONY GALE 14 (BF) (P Whelsen) Mrs J Planen 6-11-6. T Grandham

10 5P- GLENGRIFFTN 254 (B Naylor) J Galford 7-11-5. D Marphy

11 JACK SMEPE (Mrs A Millioney-White) R Frost 5-11-5. J Frost

12 D-J JAMAN 19 (Al Burbadge) J King 7-11-5. D Tegg

13 0-P JOLLERGATION 8 (J Joseph) R Frost 5-11-5. J Frost

14 G JUST LIKE TRIGERER 315 (B Naylor) J Gilbert 7-11-5. P Höde (7)

15 0P LAVALIGHT 35 (L Philips) R Hodges 5-11-5. I Lawrence

16 LITTLE ERNIE (D Hunt) J Roborts 6-11-5. P Word (7)

18 1/83 PIPER'S SON 10 (F) (H-Mile) M Bradstock 6-11-5. G Bradley

19 0 SCALLY TOMIN 12 (R Burrow) Mrs A Kingts 9-11-5. R Dumondy 9

BETTING 9-4 Ebony Gale, 3-1 The Sinter, 7-2 Mecenda, 9-2 Piper's Son, 8-1 SEI Quill, 10-1 Glengrif

1991: PARSON'S THORNS 6-11-3 B de Heen (12-1) C Brooks 21 ren

THE SLATER beat Landyap 2½ ower course and distance (good to first): previously 2 2nd of 16 to State over course and distance (good to first): previously 2 2nd of 16 to State over course and distance (good) with SLL CUILL (7b worse off) 111 4b.

BILL QUILL: 13 5th of 14 to Sighey'r in Dovon (2n th, good to first) previously (2n 100yd, good) novice hardise.

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PIPER'S SON 1141 3nd of 6 to Desire Dove In Warvick (2n, good to first) novice hardise.

Selection: MARENDA (nsp) **COURSE SPECIALISTS** 

Winners Runners Percent JOCKEYS TRAINERS Mrs J.Pitman
D.Nicholson
O.Shenwood
D.Eisworth
J.Gifford
T.Forster

1.40 Stylish Gest. 2.10 LUMBERJACE (nap). 2.40 Brochine Grey. 3.10 Palanquin, 3.40 Caromandoo.

GREY (nap). 3.10 Firm Price. 3.40 Caromandoo, The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.40 BROCTUNE GREY.

THUNDERER

MANDARIN

1.40 Strong Views. 2.10 Bobbie Stack. 2.40 BROCTUNE

12.40 Karazan. 12.40 Dizzy.

1 0-F0 BUCKRA MELLISUGA 5 (P Plan) W A Shiphenson 8-11-9 K Johnson 2 3 KARAZAN 18 (6F) (J Dick) Jammy Flaggreid 5-11-8 M Devyer 90 444326 KEY DEAR 19 (J Speers) We S Bradburne 5-11-9 P Williams (7) 82 F S22 SHAFFIC 21 (P Davidson-Brown) M Hammond 5-11-9 P Never 9-86 ANOTHER LEAF (R McDonatis) A McDonatis 5-11-4 N Jones DIVING 124F (N) (J Cable) Mrs V Aconley 4-10-12 A Dobbin (7) HIMSTER 13 (R Griffin) J J O'Nell 4-10-12 A Dobbin (7) MAPERIAL BID 88F (Lord Durham) Burys Smith 4-10-12 G McCourt 93 MAPERIAL BID 88F (Lord Durham) Burys Smith 4-10-12 G McCourt 93 MAPERIAL BID 88F (Lord Durham) Burys Smith 4-10-12 B Storey 90 BETTING: 5-2 Karazan, 7-2 Stusffic, 5-1 Dizzy, 6-1 Lodestar, 10-1 Key Dear, Bucker Mellieuga, 12-1 Humster, 19-11 CUMBRIAN CELIDIA A 10-5 E Dant 10-6 A 19-91; CUMBRIAN CELIDIA A 10-5 E Dant 10-6 A 19-91; CUMBRIAN CELIDIA A 10-5 E Dant 10-6 A 19-91; CUMBRIAN CELIDIA A 10-5 E Dant 10-6 A 10-6 A 19-91; CUMBRIAN CELIDIA A 10-5 E Dant 10-6 A 10-6 A 19-91; CUMBRIAN CELIDIA A 10-5 E Dant 10-6 A 10-6 1991: CUMBRIAN CEILIDH 4-10-5 F Perratt (85-40) L Lungo 13 ran

1.10 HOPESWATER NOVICES CLAIMING CHASE (£2,110:3m) (8 runners) 1 /P/414-P OUR HERO 42 (S) (D Cook) W Storey 9-11-2 K Docton
2 20250-F STRONG BREEZE 6 (P Latchtord) R Fisher 8-11-2 K Johnson
3 0/FP0 SWINDLE BECK 14 (P Piller) W A Stephenson 8-11-2 K Johnson
4 300/2-3F WESSEK 8 (B,D,BF,F,S) (Fid Corde Thoroughtheader H Pic) N Tinider 10-11-0 G McCourt ● 99
5 604/86F LEFT HANDED 6 (Mrs V Knox) R Lamb 9-10-12 T Reed
6 24/00-P0 RANDOM WARRIOR 13 (CD,G) (Mrs G Lister) J Parker 8-10-10 N Smith (5) STRONG POLICE (B,D,S) (T Wood) M Harmond 11-10-6 D Bentley (7)
8 80/835P DANISH CHIEF 10 (B,D,S) (T Wood) M Harmond 11-10-6 D Bentley (7) BETTING: 9-4 Wessen, 4-1 Swindle Beck, 5-1 Our Hero, 6-1 Strong Breeze, 8-1 Danish Chief, 10-1 others. 1991: SCARNING DALE 8-11-4 L O'Hers (2-1 fev.) P Monteith 10 ran.

1.40 WHITEWATER NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,523: 2m) (7 runners) 

Long handleap: Old Mortality, 9-7.

BETTING: 7-4 Strong Views, 190-30 Hadden Outver, 4-1 Stylish Gent, 8-1 Old Mortality, 12-1 others.

1991; SOUTER'S HILL 4-11-9 C Hawldon (2-1 tav) T Craig 6 ran.

1 S-80210 CARRESPRIDGE QUEEN 40 (CD.F.S) (A Kerr) Nes G Junes 7-11-7 P Wind (7) 89
2 46/(50 ANOTHER CARPORD 20 (Mrs S Liting) R Holder 7-11-6 N Menn 84
3 P/50-400 BOLD IMP 8 (J Heritage) A Berrow 7-11-6 S Burrough
4 000 CARDY LAKE 19 (R Hewsthorn) T Jones 5-11-8 T Granitiess
5 UB450/4- GOLDEN SONATA 405 (K Heritages) A Holgeridge 7-11-6 W Invited
8 PSP/4 GREYFEIARS BOSBY 84 (Mrs B Teylor) Mrs J Retter 6-11-6 M A Fittingeridge 7-8
7 40///PD NORTHERN HEATHER 12 (T Siesel) W Williams 5-11-6 M A Fittingeridge 7-9
9 00-08 ROSCOE BASE 19 (Durken Bros Lid) O Shervedor 7-11-6 Mr J Durken 30
10 30P/034 TEARFUL PRINCE 8 (C Mitchell) C Mitchell 8-11-6 Mr J Durken 30
11 003-425 TICONDEROGA 9 (J Horn) D Netholson 6-11-6 R Durkendy 23
12 40-2540 VOLPEDO 6 (C Sectical Controls Lid) R Misman 5-11-6 R Durkendy 31
14 POP-08 CHASBIG GOLD 14 (Ledy Durid) A Durin 6-11-1 S Error 7-11-1 S SERTE 7-1
15 GILSTON LASS 14 (Methorough Reining Perinarnity) J King 5-11-1 C Lieuwellyn 1-1-1-1 S SERTE 7-1
15 51444 JADICH 8 (B,3) (D Hazzerd) Miss J Thorne 4-10-8 S Cifford (5) 9-38
BETTING: 64 Tronderoge, 11-2 Uphen View, 13-2 Cainsbiddge Queen, 5-1 Roccoe Bess, 16-1 ciliners, 1991; SOUTH MARVEST 8-11-12 R Beggen (14-1) R Brestington 22 nan 2.10 WHITEADOER HANDICAP CHASE (52,444: 2m 4f) (4 runners)

BETTING: 5-4 Bobbie Stack, 9-4 Lumberjack, 4-1 Palm Rander, 6-1 Landsty

1991: BOBBIE STACK 7-11-5 G Bradley (5-2) J J O'Neil 6 ran 2.40 FASERY CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,551: 2m 4f) (11 runners)

3.10 WATCH WATER CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,838: 3m) (6 runners)

1 1P4-201 FIRM PRICE 14 (CD,F,G) (Nrs 5 McDoneld) Mrs G Reveloy 11-12-0....... R Hodge Long handicup: Hello Georgie 9-12.

ETTING: 138 Firm Price, 7-2 Secret Finale, 9-2 Shainski, 6-1 Hollo Georgie, 8-1 Palanquin, 12-1 First Lord. 1991: THARSIS 6-11-13 A J Quinn (3-1) W Bentley 6 ran

3.40 DYEWATER MAIDEN HURDLE (Div II: £1,488: 2m) (9 runners) O BIT OF A BOYO 7 (R Deposits) V Thompson 5-11-9... N Smith (5)

F4 LUCKY AGAIN 8 (A Centre) W A Stephenson 5-11-9... C Grant 96

P5 PRESIDENT GEORGE 43 (A Baley) A Batry 5-11-9... K Doolan 6/00 ROSTOVOL 8 (J Lunisden) D Franks 7-11-9... R Marley 98

O RATTYC CROWN 19 (T Caryton) B Murray 4-10-12... R Marley 98

O NATTYC CROWN 19 (T Caryton) B Murray 4-10-12... F Neven 98

SORDISS SCHWANTZ 8 (Mrs E Mitchell) W Kemp 4-10-12... K Jones 98

PFP SORDIFA 7 (8) (Mrs D Cutham) Mrs D Cutham 4-10-12... Mr R Robinson 98

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THAT A Commentation 4-1 Schmatel 5-11 Lucky Again 6-1 President George 8-1 others.

BETTING: 7-4 Caromundoo, 4-1 Schwantz, 5-1 Lucky Agam, 6-1 President George, 8-1 others. 1991: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS Winners Runners Per cent Jimmy Pitzgerald W Storey N Teldar Mrs G Reveley Denys Smith J J O'Nell

## Generous given narrow edge in official ratings

THE debate over the respective merits of Generous and Suave Dancer was finally sertled yesterday when the International Classifications Committee rated the English and Irish Derby winner at 137. 11b superior to the French-trained winner of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

The two horses met only twice. In the Irish Derby Paul Cole's champion stormed home by three lengths from the French colt, but in Paris Suave Dancer turned the tables decisively when Generous, performing far below his optimum, finished about eight lengths away in eighth.

formers and are rated the best middle-distance three-yearolds to have raced in Europe since Dancing Brave was as-sessed at 141 after a speciacular victory in the Arc in 1986. Generous's top figure of 137 was recorded after the colt's seven-length defeat

Both colts are top-class per-

George and Queen Elizabeth Diamond stakes at Ascot. Suave Dancer put up his best performance in the Arc. "We reckoned Generous's As-

Cole: trainer of Derby

winner Generous rior to the runner-up," said Geoffrey Gibbs, the senior Jockey Club handicapper. "But Suave Dancer quickened so impressively when beating Magic Night by two lengths in the Arc."

The best horses to have raced in Europe since the ratings were introduced in 1978 have been Dancing Brave (141). Shergar (140). and El Gran Senor and Alleged, the dual Arc winner,

Sanglamore in the King As for the three-year-old sprinters, Polish Patriot, Guy Harwood's July Cup winner was assessed 11b in front of Sheikh Albadou, who won the Keeneland Nunthorpe

second in the Ladbroke Sprint Cup and the Prix de l'Abbaye before making history when becoming the first European-trained horse to win a Breeders' Cup race on dirt in the Sprint. Selkirk, who showed great-

ly improved form when winning the Queen Elizabeth II stakes was rated above Second Set as the top three-yearold miler.

Those two admirably consistent fillies, Kooyonga and Shadavid, the winners of the English and Irish 1,000 Guineas respectively, were rated at 123 and 122 respectively.

☐ Robert Sangster is likely to take a second retainer on Frankie Denori, the stable jockey to Luca Cumani. Dettori would ride for Sangster when not required by Cumani.

#### **Best of 1991**

THREE-YEAR-OLDS: 5f plus: Polish Patriot 126, Sheikh Abadou 125 71 plus: Sellinh, 128, Second Set 127 93/1 plus: Suave Dancer 132, Environment Friend 125 11f plus, Generous 137, Suave Dancer 136 14f plus: Toulon 122, Saddlers Hall 119

OLDER HORSES: 5f plus: Polar Falcon 124, Etwo 122 77 plus: Prolo 125, Zoman 120, 9% plus: Stagecraft 126, Zoman 122 11f plus: Epenner Bleu 126, Sangla-more 124 14f plus: Sourge 115, Turgeon and Victorie Bleu 114

## Arazi is 'world champion'

ly rated, at 130, the best twoyear-old to have raced in Europe since the International Classifications were introduced in 1978 (Michael Seely

writes). Discussing the five-length winner of the Breeders' Cup Juvenile at Churchill Downs last November, Geoffrey Gibbs, the senior Jockey Club handicapper, said yesterday: "Tromos was officially rated at 131, but everything was in an experimental stage then. It has since been accepted that the true figure should

have been 128." Michael Byrne, the chairman of the International Classifaction Committee, said: "Arazi is the jewel in the crown in an era when superlatives have become debased. Excellence in the true sense of the word can be ascribed to Arazi as the undisputed world champion of 1991."

ship by Allen Paulson and Sheikh Mohammed, had an operation to remove bone chips from his knee shortly after his Breeders' Cup win. Next season he is to be given a preliminary race in France before being sent to Keene-land for the Blue Grass Stakes.

After that the target is the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs on May 2, after which it will be decided whether to return the colt to France to be prepared for the English Der-

Arazi's superiority to his European contemporaries can be guaged by the fact that Rodrigo De Triano, Robert Sangster's winner of the Champagne and Middle Park Stakes, is the second too rated colt at 122.

Of the fillies, Marling, the Cheveley Park Stakes winner, is rated 11b ahead of Musicale and 3lb ahead of Culture Vulture and Hatoof, the principals in that close finish to the Prix Marcel Boussac at Longchamp.

## LEADING TWO-YEAR-OLDS

130; Arazı. 122: Rodrigo De Triano. 120: Cardoun, Rainbow Corner, Seatle Rhyme.

118: Dium, El Prado, Magic Ring, Marsing, St Jovite.

117: Lion Cevern, Musicale, River Falla.

118: Galaseul, Made Of Gold, Pans House, Terlian.

114: Absurde, Calling Collect, Culture Vulture, Hatsol, Midmight Ar., Showbrook, Silver Krts. 113: Basma, Bezelle, Code Breaker, Dr Devious, Kenbu, Mack The Knile

## MERITARIA PARE

1.00 Granny's Girl. 1.30 Deep Halo. 2.00 J Brand. 2.30 Sing The Blues. 3.00 Martin Dancer. 3.30 Aspirant.

1.00 Martiya. 1.30 Deep Halo. 2.00 Shelly's Folly. 2.30 Jumby Bay. 3.00 Martin Dancer. 3.30 Aspirant.

GOING: STANDARD

1.00 IVANHOE MARES ONLY NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,268: 2m) (5 runners) 

11-8 Hostess Quickly, 5-2 Grenny's Get, 3-1 Batachys, 8-1 Martys. 12-1 Coomesbury Lane. 1.30 QUENTIN DURWARD NATIONAL

2 S-R2 JAN-RE 7 F Murphy 8-11-7 . A Maguire 3 CHARLOTTES DELIGHT Mass B Senders 7-11 2 Date Mickeyen 4 0042 DEEP HALO 3 (B) C Brooks 7-11-2 ... S McNell) 5 50-0 TUFOLU 14 D C Tucker 8-11-2 ... M Foster (5)

64 Deep Helo, 3-1 Charlottes Delight, 4-1 Capital Punishr 5-1 Jan-Re, 8-1 Tufeli COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: C Benstead, 7 warners from 13 runners, 53.8%, Mass B Sanders, 11 from 32, 34.4%, E Wheeler, 3 from 14, 21.4% (Only qualifiers), JOCKEYS: Date McKeown, 22 winners from 65 ndes, 33.3%, G Moore, 4 from 24, 16.7%; D Gallagher, 4 from 32, 12.5%, I Shoemark, 5 from 47, 10.6%, (Only qualifiers)

E1,422: 2m) (1U)

1 1-5P JACK THE HIKER 20 (D.F) J Baker 9-11-11 N Coleman
2 8/00 CAVALJER SPIRIT 7 J Long 8-11-7. J Stenning (7)
3 \$396 DRACONS NEST 7 (8) T Casey 5-11-7 Dale McKeown
4 000 J BRAND 21 J Moore 5-11-7. J McKeown
5 PO KING TREVISIO 9 J Henra 6-11-7 J A Harris
6 03U MICROMOVA 100 (8) E Wheeler 6-11-7 M Bowloy
7 00-P PADDY'S LINE 14 D C Tucker 5-11-7 M Foster (5)
9 4033 SHELLY'S FÖLLY 2 K Burke 7-11-7 M Warston (7)
9 5P ABSENT FOREVER 13F W Mar 4-10-9 S Whitworth
10 PPO HOLD COURT 37 N Cattaghan 4-10-9 A Maguire 94 Absent Forever, 3-1 Shelly's Felly, 4-1 Jack The Hiller, 6-1 Dragons Nest, 8-1 Micronove, 10-1 Hold Court, 12-1 others

2.00 GUY MANNERING SELLING HURDLE

2.30 WAVERLEY HANDICAP HURDLE

(£1,715: 2m) (3) 1 -P09 SING THE BLUES 7 (CD) C Bensteed 8-12-0 G Moore 2 0321 SHADES OF PEACE 14 (D.F.S) P Rodicor 6-11-13 I Shoomark 3 -0P4 JUMBY BAY 9 M Johnston 6-10-2 A Maguire Evens Jumby Bay, 13-8 Shades Of Peace, 4-1 Sing The Blues

3.00 TALISMAN HANDICAP HURDLE

2-1 Marian Dancer, 100-30 Andretot, 4-1 Nautical Belle, 6-1 Bold in Combat, 8-1 Frosty Reception, 10-1 Bully Boy

3.30 REDGAUNTLET NATIONAL HUNT

CORDUROY RASCAL J Long 6-11-6 Leesa Long (7)

54 SASKAS HERO 33 J Bertomby 5-11-6 B Datton (7)

J B SAUCY DORIS W Brisbourne 6-11-1 S Wyrne (7)

MAY OFFICIAL 43 Lones 5-11-1 W Marston (7)

WOOTTON LADY (V) C Brooks 5-11-1 C Dempsey (7)

ASPIRANT M Prescoil 4-10-10

RUBY LOOK J Eboth 4-10-5 D O'Subran (3)

3 SEMINOLE PRINCESS 7 C Jones 4-10-5 V Sattery (5) 11-4 Asperant, 7-2 Seminole Princess, 4-1 Wootton Lady, 6-1 Seska's Here, 8-1 Ruby Look, 70-1 May Official, 12-1 others

## RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

☐ The Times Private Handi- | Plumpton capper was in outstanding form yesterday when top rating 10 winners from 13 races, including Days Of Thunder (5-2), his best of the day at Plumpton. Mandarin nap-ped Maple Dancer (11-8) and Pink Gin (5-4) was a winning nap for Richard

Kelso

Going: soft (ch), heavy (hdle) 12.15 (2m & ndis) 1. Rose Tableau (A Dobbri, 4-1i, 2, Cetro Breeze (16-1), 3. Man's Best Friend (5-4 lav) 11 rain, 51, 13 Man H Wells Tote: 65 (I): 21 10, 62 50, 21 20. DF £19.40 CSF £57.16 £1.20. UP £19.40 CSF £57.16 12.45 (2m hd/e) 1, Crosshot (K Jones, 2-1 y-lav), 2, Mossee Gold (16-1); 3. Classec Contact (33-1). Flowing River 2 (r-lav. 19 ran 5), 21s1. R McDonald Tote £3.20. £1.20..£4.40, £22.00 DF £96.30. CSF £34.05

234 05 1.15 (3m ch) 1, Jodami (P.A Farrell, Evens-ter); 2, Abertromby Chief (25-1), 3, Padaventure (5-2), 11 ran 10, 61 P Beaument Tote (2.00, 51.10, 54.50, 21.90, DF, £15.50, CSF- £25.03, 1.45 (3m cit) 1, Norval (P hiven, 11-10 fav), 2: Deep Colonist (10-1), 3, Royal Mile (20-1), 8 ran. NR. Tartan Trademark, 12, 3, Mirs G Ravelov Tote: 22 00; \$1.20, \$1.90, \$0.5.50 CSF. \$11.03

2.15 (2m &i ndle) 1, The Strade Matcher (M Motoney, 16-1); 2, Feetival Fancy (3-1); 3, Tallywagge (3-1) High Padre 7-4 hav 10 rgn 101, 71 G. Richards. Tota: £19.20; £3.70, £1.40, £1.60. DF: £30.50. CSF: £58.89. 2.45 (2m 196yd ch) 1. Interior Lib (P Williams, Evens ji-fav); 2. Marejo ( Evens ji-fav); 3. Dirisdale Lad (11-1), 4 nan 251, 354, Mrs 3 Brasthume, Tota; £2.00 DF; £1.30. CSF: £2.28.

3, 15 (2m 2i hote) 1, Timurs Double (Mr C Sample, 5-2 (t-lav); 2, Leven Beby (11-4), 3, Skeletor (5-2 (t-lav); 7 /an, NR: Tartan Taslor 14), 13-1, W Sample Tota: \$4.00, 22.60, \$2.50 DF: \$5.50, CSF, \$9.09 Tricest: \$15.08.

Going: good (good to acil in front of stand)

1.05 (2m indie) 1. Here He Comes (J. Leoch, 6-1), 2. Kaylasi, (9-4 lav), 3. Nidomi (12-1) 15 ran 15i, 5i R Akehursi Tote: 65-20, (2-2-0), 21 40, (2-90) DF- 65-50. CSF 62-03-2

1.35 (3m 11 ch) 1. Rare Lisok (R Durwood), 3-1); 2. Mr Diplomatic (8 Ciriford, 25-1), 3. Captain Arab (10-1) Old Durdeh (10-1) lev 6 ran NR Christo. 25i), dist P Jones Tote 63-80; C1-60 E5-50, DF- 61-360 CSF 62-07-2

2.05 (2m 41 hdle) 1. OK Cornal (8 Ciriford 5-4 fav), 2. Green's Thorburn (33-1); 3 Espiri De Ferrines (33-1): 11 ran NR Somersauting 5i), 81 J White Tota 61-80, 15-90, 25-40, 94, 10, DF- 641-20 CSF- 63-65 34 Bought in 2.500gms.

2.35 (2m 41 ch) 1. Moze Tidy (7 Grantham, 9-4 lav); 2. Secret Rule (20-1); 3. Formal (7-2), 8-ran NR: Major Etior 201, 21 R Rowe. Tote 6-00, 61-70, 51-80, 51-80 DF- 620-20 CSF- 638-56 Tressit 139-09.

3.05 (2m ch) 1. Maple Dancer (Mr J. 19-1); 3. Good (10-1); 3. Maple Dancer (Mr J. 19-1); 3. Good (10-1); 3. Maple Dancer (Mr J. 19-1); 3. Good (10-1); 3. Maple Dancer (Mr J. 19-1); 3. Good (10-1); 3. Maple Dancer (Mr J. 19-1); 3. Good (10-1); 3. Maple Dancer (Mr J. 19-1); 3. Good (10-1); 3. Maple Dancer (Mr J. 19-1); 3. Good (10-1); 3. Maple Dancer (Mr J. 19-1); 3. Good (10-1); 3. Maple Dancer (Mr J. 19-1); 3. Good (10-1); 3. Maple Dancer (Mr J. 19-1); 3. Good (10-1); 3. Good (10-1);

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England poised for victory despite middle-order failure against struggling opponents

# Collapse gives cause for concern

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, IN NAPIER

AN ENGLAND team which. hitherto, could do no wrong, made surprisingly hard work of asserting its authority over severely depleted opposition here yesterday. But if all the bad days end as well as this one with England poised for another victory after three late wickets for the spin bowlers, their tour will indeed be a contented one. Graham Gooch, however, is too much the perfectionist to be entirely satisfied with what he saw.

The Minor Associations XI is sponsored by U-Bix copiers, but a medical insurance company would have been more appropriate. Four substitutes were required at one stage, and their youthful attack was often down to three fit bowlers. England failed to capitalise, the sturdy platform of 209 for two, laid by Graeme Hick's second century this week, giving way as five mid-dle-order wickets fell for 51.

In a town known chiefly for the 1931 earthquake which all but destroyed it, this collapse hardly rated a measurement on the Richter scale, but it was enough to cast the first clouds of concern over the

Smith, Ramprakash and Fairbrother all missed out on the pickings from overstretched bowlers on a docile pitch and, although Smith continues to look in remarkably good form for one whose scores are 27, 17 and 15, the other two are struggling.

One of them must play in Saturday's limited-overs international and it will probably be Fairbrother, but his 45-minute fidget for nine, revealing once more the paralysis which grips his game when he plays for England. was anything but reassuring.

Ramprakash, having loitered 75 minutes for ten in Hamilton, looked more purposeful this time, but he still managed only 13 before falling to one of many good deliveries from the promising teenaged fast bowler, Jeff Wilson, playing only his second

With the innings threatening derailment, salvation came in an eighth-wicket stand of 78 between Reeve, who barely struck a blow in anger for two hours, and Russell, whose attitude was quite

Russell's détermination to uncomplicate his batting has led to an approach bordering on the dashing, and he made 57 in only 82 minutes of judicious counter-attacking. The batting form which has brought him consecutive halfcenturies is a welcome bonus for England and may yet restore him to the one-day side at the weekend.

If this happens, greater re-sponsibility would fall on Reeve, a situation the Warwickshire all-rounder would relish. The more his county has asked him to contribute. the better Reeve has looked. It remains to be seen if he is equipped to step up to the ghest level, but yesterday's evidence was encouraging.

He had made 42 in 145 minutes when he ran out of partners and, other than a lew effective mows for four against the slow bowlers, he

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Morris's 12 years at the SRA

will come to be seen as the

most successful in the 70-odd

years' history of squash in

England. For this reason, it is

not surprising that 119 appli-

cants for the post have been

found wanting and McQuill-

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Morris's act is a hard one to

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D. B. YORKE-LONGE,

Yours faithfully,

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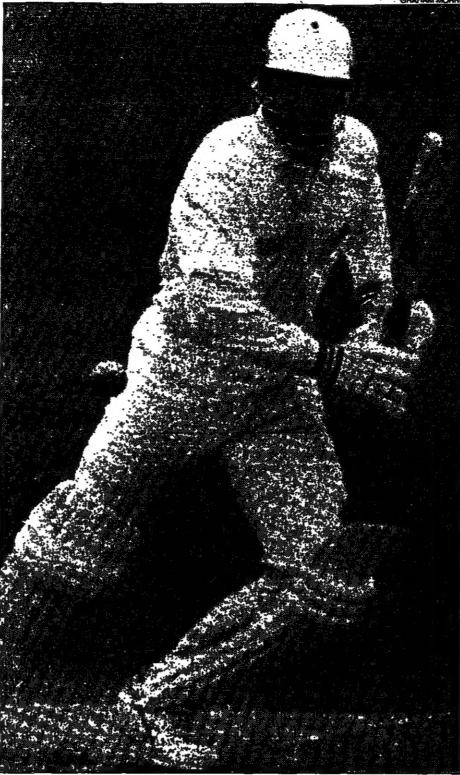
used his first first-class innings of the tour as an extended net. Later, he took a wicket with his first ball, encourag-ing the theory that his prodi-gious swing could be a useful weapon in New Zealand.

Pringle, by contrast, has not yet made an impact and yesterday's events with the bat and wicketless with the ball - have not helped. There will be room for only one all-rounder in the side for the first Test match. and on form it may well be Reeve. Then, it would be up to Reeve to hold off a new challenge when the pantomime

Much the most commanding batting of a humid day came before lunch, when Hick and Stewart shared a third-wicket stand of 120. Hick, who had been dropped before scoring on the first evening, treated much of the bowling with disdain, his second 50 coming from 65 balls. Any doubts over his Test place can now be laid to rest.

Stewart played attractively enough for 46, but the famil iar manner of his end, pushing at the ball away from his body and edging to slip, asked more questions than it answered about his technical credentials to play as an opener. The vice-captain, who is suffering from a chest infection, was later sent back to his hotel bed and so missed a final session in which the home side lost an early wicket, rallied well, and then nosedived spectacularly in the closing minutes.

The first-innings deficit of 108 had been reduced to 19 when Hick's off spin broke ning catch by Ramprakash, one-handed and at full stretch on the run from extra cover. Without addition, Tufnell accounted for the nightwatchman, Hart, then turned his next ball enough to hit Rutherford's off stump, a classical left-armer's dismissal. With only ten men fit to bat, the Associations were glad to limp into a third day.



In full flow: Hick on his way to a second successive century yesterday

RUGBY UNION

## Edwards called in as Scotland bolster the pack

BY ALAN LORIMER

NEIL Edwards, of Harlequins, and David McIvor, the Edinburgh Academical, will make their debut for Scotland in the Calcutta match at Murrayfield a week on Samiday.

Compared with the team that lost 9-6 to England in the World Cup semi-final, there are four changes, all of them in the pack. Among the replacements there are three players new to this level. Ian Smith and Peter Jones, the

Gloucester forwards, and Andy Nicol, the Dundee High School FP scrum half. Duncan Paterson, the Scotland manager, talked about choosing a team which "would perform best on the day" and later employed the "house for course," metahorses for courses metaphor, suggesting that the Scotland side is far from

If that is the correct interpretation, then there is bound to be greater importance at-tached to the Scotland B match against France in Albi on February 2, which will-give the selectors a chance to look at the likes of Stuart Reid, Andy Macdonald and Rob Wainwright in the forwards and lan Jardine and Derek Stark in the backs. -

The surprise choice would appear to be that of Edwards. the Harlequins lock, who will partner Doddie Weir in his more accustomed position in the second row. Edwards. aged 27, who has played frequently for the London divition, was a member of the England squad of 40 which went to Portugal two seasons ago, but a year later his promising rugby career almost came to an end as the result of a serious neck injury sustained while playing in New

Scottish grandparentage, Ed-wards deputised for Damian Cronin in the district team against the Scotland World Cup side in September. His performance earned him a B cap against Ireland and a subsequent place in the Scottish trial last Saturday.

The worry is that, at 6ft 4in. Edwards is too short, but the Harlequin's abilities to scrummage well, to win the pail on the ground and to fit in with the overall pattern of rucking play, will more than

David McIvor, aged 27 has the daunting task of fol-lowing John Jeffrey. At 6ft 1 in and 16st 3lb. McIvor is a much more compact forward than Jeffrey. He will play as a blind-side flanker in a departure from the recent Scotland style of playing left and right. Marshall has been handed the open-side flanker berth.

Rob Wainwright, according to Paterson, was considered for all three back row

## Hard act to follow in squash Room for a

From Mr David Yorke-Longe Sir, I feel obliged to take issue with the implication in Colin McQuillan's article (January 1) that, during Bob Morris's period of office as chief executive of the Squash Rackets Association (SRA), communication was not all it should

As chairman during Morris's first five years, I saw very clearly how, during a period of unprecedented expansion and the problems that went with it, he maintained a flow of discussion papers and briefing notes which were invaluable to committee members concerned with decision-making.

In the wider field, it is only necessary to see how Sauash News grew from a leaflet to a magazine to realise how well the membership was kept informed of what was going on. That is not to say that what was communicated was always palatable to certain independently-minded county associations and some

Need for charity From Mrs R. MacDonald

Sir, The occasional exceptional racehorse grasps the imagination of the public. Desert Orchid is one of those few. His exceptional talent and attractive temperament singled him out, as did the stunning looks and cheekiness of the very successful Red

We read (December 28) that "Dessie" could now earn £10,000 a day in advertising. Good luck to him and his owners, if so.

Talent relegated

From Mr Ken Haskell Sir. So ski jumping is the latest sport to put technology before talent. Wider skis make for longer jumps, so widen the skis, throw away the style-book and reach for the sky. How long, one wonders, before the jumpers are allowed to sprout wings?

One can only hope that if this comes to pass, Richard Burridge and his fellow owners will remember the horse charities struggling to support the unfortunate, unwanted, cruelly treated and worn out working horses worldwide; also the povertystricken horse "at the end of its tether", tortured as a live

Yours sincerely. **ROSEMARY WILSON** MacDONALD

Rose Farm. Chobham, Surrey.

Ski jumping should heed the warning of other activities such as archery, which has ceased to be a sport and has become a competition between equipment manufacturers.

Yours faithfully KEN HASKELL Tallis, 2 Drury Lane, The Green: Ridgewell.

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## conciliator From Mr David Teasdale

Sir, Thank goodness, Martin Offiah has moved at last (report, January 4) and is back playing rugby league, ending a five-month impasse between him and Widnes. There have been losers in the process: Offiah himself, the club, the Great Britain squad, but, most of all, the paying spectators, denied the sight of one of the great modern players. Half a season lost, probably 25 tries.

Now another impasse threatens, in football: the Professional Footballers' Association versus the new Premier League; also, perhaps, the Premier League against itself, as differences surface between the clubs. Will it all be settled in time? In that process, who will care about. let alone represent, the fans, who are still the lifeblood of the game?

Sport needs some form of conciliation service. The structure is already crowded, but at the top it is full of egos. That is in the nature of activity, which is performance before a crowd with much resting on "results". So there will be disagreements and sometimes they won't be settled easily, without a mech-

anism to help.

The Sports Council has tried to play the role of conciliator, but with no continued success. A minister for sport with the right powers could do it. Someone ought to, for the sake of the Yours faithfully, DAVID TEASDALE.

The Old Barn. Woodlands Park, Cobham. Surrey.

Vulgar practice From Lieutenant-Commander

Anthony Hogg. RN (reid) Sir. There is nothing more common and vulgar on television than winners of sporting events, often millionaires, spraying champagne at one

The sooner sponsors and promoters stop this practice the better, in a world where millions starve. Yours faithfully ANTHONY HOGG, 2 Mount Lane. Chichester,

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## IRFB must act on poaching

From Mr Jeffrey Wall Sir, Events in rugby union and rugby league of late — involving Alain Carminati (France), who came back, Craig Innes (New Zealand), who went, and Scott Gibbs (Wales), who turned back just in time - must surely prompt union's international board (IRFB) into action.

Rarely, if ever, can one sport have been so regularly and systematically blighted by another, and that union's problems with league are most acute in New Zealand, Australia, Wales and France should not preclude member countries from taking con-

Code-poaching has always been repugnant and it is increasingly so, given the ceaseless drive of rugby union to league and cup competitions, which has revolutionised fixture-lists and the nature of support and success

The Rugby Football Union in England is sadly ill-placed to lead any IRFB action. given its history of professed

indifference to rugby league defections and approaches, but the union public deserves better from its international

The IRFB must speak out. Ironically, it is the very amateurism that is so cherished that makes rugby union so vulnerable to league. Board member countries should also use more imaginatively the current clause four debase, on payments for players, so as to restrict, perhaps through registration periods, the opportunities for switching to league.

They must also tighten the "no way back" policy of former years, which, if replaced by the current trend illustrated by Carminati and advocated by others, could lead to rugby union being as much a game for young boys and old men at senior level as it often is in its more junior grades.

Yours faithfully, JEFFREY L WALL, 14 Cavendish Road, Barnet, Hertfordshire,

### Over the eight

From Mr K. B. O'Neill Sir. Simon Barnes keeps us up to date (January 4) about Steve Edwards, who ran eight marathons in 11 days over Chrisimas in his attempt to complete 75 marathons, or 1966.41 racing miles, in one However, let us not forget

another fine British athlete. who ran considerably more than twice this distance a few years ago. Malcolm Camp-bell ran 5,502 racing miles in 1985, which is still a record. The greatest part of this distance, 3.559 miles, was accounted for by a race against Marvin Skagerberg across the United States, which Skagerberg won by a mere 16 minutes. It took them 92 days (86 race days,

six rest days) to complete the race, at the equivalent of one and a half marathons each

Late that year, Campbell won a 1,000-mile race at Gateshead against Skagerberg and Dan Coffey, setting a then track record of 15 days 21 hours for the distance. The remainder of the mileage was accumulated during ultramarathon races. None of Campbell's very considerable training mileage during 1985 was included in the 5,502 miles.

If Edwards fancies a crack at Campbell's record, he would need to run 210 marathons in a year. Yours faithfully, K. B. O'NEILL,

Grantham,

Lincolnshire.

#### Different tune From Mr P. A. Leatherdale

Sir. Now that the euphoria of England's campaign to win the Rugby World Cup has virtually disappeared and all enthusiasts are looking for ward to the imminent five nations' championship, would it be possible to ask why the southern hemisphere, with its funny dances, should have the monopoly to distract the crowds and maze the opposition.

Why can't everyone join in? France could do the can-can; Ireland a jig or two; Scotland the sword dance or eightsome reel; and England a morris dance with lots of bells, coloured ribbons and bicycle clips. I don't know about Wales. Well, they could probably sing a song or two.

Yours etc., P. A. LEATHERDALE 35 Templemere. Oatlands Drive. Weybridge,

GOLF Rye loses

## prospect of classic

BY JOHN HENNESSY

THE course of any golf tournament is too unpredictable for a single scratching to cre-ate a *Hamlet* without the prince. For all that, the withtrawal of Bryan Ingleby from the President's Putter at Rye today is a severe disappoint-

As already reported, Ingleby, the holder, had been called back early to Cambridge, to make good lapses in the laboratory work of his chemical engineering course last term, when he suffered an eye injury during some undergraduate high jinks. His absence destroys the

possibility of a classic final thrown up by the draw. The establishment of Ingleby in the first section and David Meacher, another former winner and outstanding Cambridge captain of recent years, at the bottom had the makings of a dream-ticket fi-nal — as Meacher's political connections might have clas-

Yet the withdrawal of Ingleby must be welcome news to John Brandow, of Pembroke, Oxford. Flying over from New York, he faced a difficult first-round opponent in Jeremy Caplan, the winner in 1986. Now, he has vaulted into

the second round, where he meets Mark Butler, whom he might regard — perhaps at his peril — as a less daunting proposition. A match today of special

piquancy is that between Peter Gardiner-Hill and Fiona Edmond, the only woman to play in the University match and so qualify for the Putter. Gardiner-Hill, who was at Oxford long be-fore Edmond was born, is the president of the tournament

So it pits Oxford against Cambridge, man against woman and old generation against new, Perhaps that is the dream ticket for today. The recession has not spared even this privileged

community and the original entry fell from 180 last year For the first time, the Jubilee course has been brought into play to confine, once more, the tournament to four days and to postpone subsidiary events to later in the week and encourage a still larger gallery for the final on Sunday afternoon.

## RAF seeking role for Underwood match. The Civil Service were

Royal Air Force.....16

BY MICHAEL ADSTIN RORY Underwood, the most

capped England player, shivered in isolation on the left. wing, where he had only five touches of the ball for the RAF in an unconvincing victory over the Civil Service at Haiton, near Wendover, yesterday.

The game raised doubts about his role in the forthcoming inter-services championship because last year, when the RAF won the title, Underwood produced two virtuoso performances at full

The RAF even contemplated switching Underwood to centre in the second half yesterday to increase his involvement, but shelved the ploy.

A chilling diagonal wind, ruled out the coherent pass-

ing moves which Underwood could have exploited. He was diligently shad-owed by Weale, a Blackheath wing, and did not receive a single pass in attack, while both sides kicked incessantly

for territorial gain.

A total of 30 penalty awards, 17 of them to the Civil Service, led to an untidy

from four narrow misses by Raymond, their place-kicker. whose touch-finding, along with that of Turton and Knight, the England B reserve scrum half, kept the RAF deep in defence for long periods.

Richardson sustained the RAF in times of stress with abundant lineout possession. The RAF also appreciated the contribution of Lazenby, who kicked two penalty goals after the Civil Service had replied to a try by Boyd, from the last move of the first half, with an equally worthy one from Woodland.

A last-minute try from Wilde, converted by Lazenby. completed the RAF's victory. which was a triumph for perseverance more than any-

SCORERS: Royal Air Force: Tries: Boyd, Wilds: Conversion: Lezenby. Penalty. Goals: Lezenby (2). Civil Service: Try: Woodland. goale: Lazemby (2). Chill Bervios: Try: Woodland. Microfiled. Hold Bervios: Try: Woodland. AIR FORCE: Opi G Stewart: SAC S Cossistend. J D Dobbis, SAC K Devis; Fit Li H Underwood; Cp S Lazemby, Sot S Worsel. (captain); Col N. Boyd, Cpl S Gethierfin, J B Williams: Fit LI F Califord. Big B Filchardson, Fit LI J Wilste, Fig Ct D Wilsten, Cpl D Personage. CVM. SEFRIVCE: K Turtos: T Weele: H Woodland, R Williamson, S Coats; C Playmond, S Knight; E Stoles, M Scotl, Griffin, G Drummond (captain), P Wood, P Dember-Williamse, N Rosch (rep: G Menley), G Crane.

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positions, but was not named tors opting for Ian Smith, the line choice. Also on the bench. is Peter Jones, the Gloucester loose-head prop. John Allan. replaced at hooker by Ken-Milne, is also a replacement.

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## Slater fails to lend substance to his transfer valuation

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

TALENT worth millions of pounds was on view at The Dell on Tuesday night when two players lived up to their expensive price tags but another, who would fetch around E2 million if he was allowed to leave, performed disappointingly.

Southampton's 2-1 win over West Ham United in the southern area semi-final of the ZDS Cup not only earned them a lucrative double date with Chelsea in the regional final later this month, but also enabled them to show off the talents of Matthew Le Tissier and Alan Shearer.

So good was the quality of Le Tissier's crossing that it became even more difficult to understand why Ian Branfoot, the Southampton manager, had left him out of the first team for much of this

Apart from winning the tie with an 85th minute penalty - he has never missed one for the club - Le Tissier also created Southampton's equaliser for Alan Shearer, who, although valued at around £3 million, had infuriated his supporters by missing four useful chances.

But he made no mistake when he met Le Tissier's perfeet centre from the left wing with a glancing header at the near post. It was the sort of goal which demonstrated why Manchester United head the queue of clubs interested

in his future. His goal came midway through the second half when Southampton were beginning to worry that they might not be able to recover from Ian Bishop's 35th minute effort for West Ham, scored totally against the run of play when the midfield player for once advanced from the deep lying role he has adopted this

In the West Ham attack Stuart Slater - who interests Everton and Celtic - looked anything but a £2 million player and, overall, it was plain to see why the London club has failed to win any of its last ten games.

Indeed, apart from the contributions of Le Tissier, Shearer, and, perhaps sur-prisingly, Terry Hurlock, it was no surprise to glance at the first division table and see that Southampton were at its foot and West Ham one place above them.

Hurlock belied his advancing years to dictate the mid-field and on the evidence of this match Southampton have a better chance of securing a place in the Premier

Admittedly, there was more than a hint of controversy surrounded the winning penalty, but Southampton deserved the win which leaves Branfoot again within reach of Wembley. As manager of Reading and coach to Crystal Palace he has twice won the competition.

So well are Hartlepool United playing this season that the joke in the North-East is that they will win promotion from the third division by exchanging places with Newcastle United.

There was further joy for Hardepool in the Autoglass Trophy, northern section, when they defeated Hull City 2-0 at home, thanks to goals from Dahon and Baker.

Birmingham City may be chasing a second division place, but they were undone in a southern section Autoglass Trophy tie, losing I-O at home to neighbours Walsali: The goal was scored by Ntamark, the Cameroon international who made such an impression during the 1990 World Cup finals in

## Sabatini serves due notice

Sydney: The top seed, Gabriella Sabatini, of Argentina, gave an impressive performance to reach the third round of the New South Wales Open here yesterday. Sabatini, ranked third in

the world, overpowered Manon Bollegraf, 6-0, 6-1, with a dazzling array of baseline shots. The beleaguered Bollegraf raised her arms in mock victory siter finally holding service while already down 3-0 in the second set.

In her first match since the Virginia Slims championship in late November, Sabatini served notice she is in good form to challenge Monica Seles and Steffi Graf when the Australian Open starts in Melbourne next Monday.

Tve been working pretty

hard and I'm playing good tennis. Physically, I feel very good," Sabatini, who had a first-round bye and avoided one of the tournament's many early upsets, said.

Three of the men's seeds advanced to the quarter-finals, despite periodic show-ers that halted play a number of times and forced the postponement of several matches The defending champion. Guy Forget, of France, the third seed, beat Javier Sanchez, of Spain. 6-2, 6-4. He will face the American, Aaron Krickstein; who was a 4-6, 6-3. 6-3 winner against Cristiano Caratti, of Italy.

Christian Bergstrom, of Sweden, beat the No. 4 seed, Petr Korda, of Czechoslovakia, 6-3, 2-6, 6-1 to carn a match against either Magnus Gustafsson, of Sweden, or Omar Camporese, of Italy. Emilio Sanchez, of Spain. defeated the Australian, John

Fitzgerald, 6-4, 6-4, and will crowd, had previously beaten the top seed, Michael Stich.

the No. 2 seed, Ivan Lendl, on Tuesday.(AP)

## EQUESTRIANISM

## Lemieux opts to ride for Canada

THE three-day event rider, Robert Lemieux, a former British national champion, has decided to throw in his lot with Canada. Lemieux, whose parents are Canadian but who has always lived in Britain, hopes to compete for Canada at the Olympic Games this summer.

"I have had the option to ride for Canada since I started competing ten years ago, and I feel the time is now right to make the change," Lemieux, aged 31, said.

Britain could field three medal-winning Olympic teams, whereas Canada has By JENNY MACARTHUR

difficulty finding one. I haven't been good enough at the right time to get into the British team . . . and there are. probably only another couple of Olympic Games in me."

When Lemieux, who is based in Surrey, heard last autumn that Karen Straker, Ian Stark and Richard Walker had all been excused this year's Badminton, the main Olympic trial, he decided to apply to the Canadian equestrian federation. "Basically, if the horses of those three riders remain sound, everyone else, including Ginny Leng and Mary Thomson, are chasing the remaining team-

Lemieux was selected in the British squad for the Los Angeles Olympics, but did not compete after his horse, The Gamesmaster, picked up an infection.

He was disappointed that Just An Ace, on which he was fourth at the national championships, was not short-listed for the 1991 European championships. But the change of nationality has not been prompted by ill feeling. The British selectors have been very understanding," he

manager, said. "But we've got the top blind sailors in

"THE British have always

got a chance — we're a na-tion of sailors." So claims

Judy Moate, one of the squad of six blind sailors

taking part in the first inter-

national regatta for the visu-

ally handicapped in New

The British team consists

of three boats, each manned

by a blind helmsman, a

righted technician and one

blind and one sighted crew

member. When they leave

for Auckland at the end of

the month, they will be en-

tering uncharted waters.

We have no idea of the level

of competition we will face,"

John Driscoll, the team

Zealand next month.

play Thomas Muster, of Austria, who beat Todd Woodbridge 6-4, 3-6, 6-4. Woodbridge, inspired by the support of his home-town

David Wheaton, the No. 8 seed, meanwhile bounced back from a second-set ser-vice break to best Olivier Delaitre, of France, 6-4, 6-3. He now plays either Richard Krajicek, of The Netherlands, or Jakob Hlasek, of Switzerland. Karjicek had defeated

## SNOOKER

## **Davis overcomes** early hesitance

BY PHIL YATES

STEVE Davis mixed effective defence with potent aggres-sion to beat Alan McManus 5-3 in the quarter-finals of the Bournemouth yesterday.

The first four frames, which lasted 133 minutes, were highly tactical affairs. Davis, hesitant to begin with, led 2-1 before McManus, provision-ally twentieth in the world rankings after only one-anda-half seasons as a professional, made a decisive break of 60 from a fluke to level at 2-2. Davis, attempting to cap-

ture his first ranking title since the Rothmans Grand Prix in October 1989, suddenly freed himself from the shackles following the midsession interval. A break of 81 — the first 20

pots of which, unusually, consisted of ten reds and ten blues - gave Davis the fifth frame and he equalled the highest break of the televised phase of the tournament with a 97 in the next to lead 4-2.

improved around me." RESULT: Quarter-linet: 5 Davis (Eng.) bt A McManus (Scot), 5-3

problems of visually-handicapped sailors

Alix Ramsav discovers the

the country and they have trained hard."

Driscoll is the sighted crew member on Moate's boat. When he came to select sighted tacticians and crew for the team, he discovered the choices were not easy. "We found early on in the trials that the relationship between the blind helmsman and the sighted tactician was vital," he said. "When you're on 33ft, seven-ton boats manoeuvring within feet of each other,

McManus, the young play-

er of the year in 1991, did not

allow Davis to score in the

seventh frame, but managed

eighth as Davis comfortably

took it to progress into a best-

of-11 frame semi-final

against Nigel Bond or Mike

"It's at times like this you realise the value of possessing an all-round game." Davis

said. "I had to be patient in

the first half then it was a

necessity to flow. This was a

match where the ability to

change style was important."

if I didn't win a major tourna-

have been a no race. It's just

Putting his chances of win-

Hallett tomorrow.

had to balance people with immense racing experience with those with the sensitivity to help the blind helmsmen." Certainly, Moate has nothing but praise for her

Happy sailing: the Princess Royal shares a joke at the London International Boat Show yesterday with the B3 boat's blind crew

Blind sailors enter uncharted waters

member, Katy Stevens, and the crew, Richard Horton-Fawkes. Peter Bruce and David Alan-Williams

tactician, David Thomas. The rules of competition state that the blind sailors must not be treated as passengers. Apart from an audio compass which bleeps when the boat strays off course, there are few concessions made to the sailors who cannot see. David Alan-Williams, a veteran of two Admirals Cups and four round-the-world races, has seen and done almost everything on the water. He was surprised by the experience

crewing alongside his

"I was impressed with the way they picked up where things were so quickly." he said. "When I first joined, I found it hard to distinguish who was blind and who

in a sport where women tend to be treated as second class citizens, the men in this British team are heavily out-numbered with four women and only two men selected. Driscoll is not sure how this happened and will only reaffirm that the selections were made on "ability

One of the male minority. Roger Hall, has been registered blind since he was 17. but sailing has always been

own boat-building company. restoring traditional craft. 'lt's all about anticipation. you've got to get as much information as possible to get a picture of the course." he said. He has no idea of how well the British team will do and he does not really care. "The important thing is promoting sailing for the visually handicapped, for all handicapped people," he said. "It's the exhilaration and the excite-

Corper, R Horion-Fawkes Blind crew: L Cooke, R Hab, h Stovens, Sighted tectorens: D Thomas, P Conway, P Bruce

ment - there's a lot to be

gained from it."

#### YACHTING

## Schrader confirms change

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

A CHANGE of course for the next BOC single-handed round-the-world race has failed to dampen interest in the fourth running of this 27,000-mile dassic in three years' time.

Mark Schrader, the BOC e chairman, confirmed vesterday that the event will start and finish on the eastern seaboard of the United States but not at Newport, Rhode

Island - the traditional de-

parture point. A plan to include a fifth leg, across the Atlantic to Falmouth, has been dropped. "We hope to be able to announce the new start and finish port later this week," Schrader said.

Among a number of British chismen to have entered the race are Tony Bullimore - whose 60ft Barry Noble-Martyn Smith design is taking shape outside Bristol ready for this year's Globe Challenge - Josh Hall, Robin Davie and Alan Wynne Thomas.

Other changes to the race include stricter safety rules and two navigation waypoints in the Southern Ocean to keep yachts from running too far into iceberg territory. Skippers must also do without shore-based coaching from weather-routers following a near unanimous vote among skippers.

## AMERICAN FOOTBALL

## Kennan ponders job offer in NFL

BY RICHARD WETHERELL

ning a sixth Classic title into LARRY Kennan, the London perspective, Davis said: "I Monarchs head coach, will would be really disappointed decide today whether he is to rejoin the National Football ment before the end of the League as offensive coordinaseason. If I was playing like tor for the Seattle Seahawks this ten years ago, it would or stay with the World League of American Football that the overall standard has champions.

It is a tempting offer. because Kennan would be joining up with Tom Flores who, in 1983 as head coach of Los Angeles Raiders, gave him his first job in the NFL. as quarterback coach. Flores is the new head coach of Seahawks. Under Kennan, Monarchs

lost just one of their ten regular season games and won the first ever World Bowl in June.

cided with the necessity yesterday to register 26 of his players with the WLAF. Billy Hicks, the Monarchs general manager, Ray Willsey, the defensive coordinator, and Kennan have settled on 23 players to keep protected and six were vying for the three

Kennan's dilemma coin-

## SKIING **Davies turns**

## the tables on Williams

FROM a CORRESPONDENT IN LES ARCS

THE English and Welsh universities' ski council championships here have been dominated by three skiers.

Justin Davies, of London University, made up for his disappointing performance in the team slalom on Tuesday by completing the two fastest runs in the men's individual giant slalom yesterday.

His combined total of 1min 39.20sec placed him ahead of Gareth Williams, of Manchester, the team slalom winner, by 1.55sec. Anna Lees Jones, of Cam-

bridge, continued her domination of the women's events. Her time of 1 min 21.11 sec in the individual slalom put her more than three seconds clear of Nivi Massarek, of London, who is competing in her second championships.

RESULTS: Men: Individual giaru stalom (combined time after two runs). 1, J Davies (London). 1 mm 38 20esc. 2, G Wilsams (Manchester), 1.40 75; 3, M Crene Robinson (Cotord), 1.41.28 Women: Individual statom (combined time after two runs). 1, A Lees Jones (Cambridge) 1.21,11, 2, N Masserek (London), 1.24 18, 3, F Graham (Oxford), 1:26 11

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## defends in March

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PAUL Hodkinson, from Liverpool, will make the first defence of his World Boxing Council (WBC) featherweight title against Fabrice Benichou, of France, in Nimes on March 21.

The bout rules out the possibility of a contest in May against Colin McMillan, the British champion. B. J. Eastwood, Hodkinson's manager, yesterday rejected a bid of £150,000 from Frank Warren, the promoter, for Hodkinson to defend his title against McMillan in early summer.

☐ Dennis Andries, the former WBC light-heavyweight champion, will face Akim Tafer, of France, for the vacant European cruiserweight title.

## Hanson called up

ice hockey: Moray Hanson has been called into the Great Britain squad to face France later this month as a replacement for the injured Martin McKay.

Seaver elected

Baseball: Tom Seaver, who yesterday.

MERCH CONTRACTOR CONTRACTOR Champion turned the New York Meis from a losing team into a winning one, was elected to the Hall of Fame with a record 98.8 per cent of the vote. Rollie Fingers was also elected.

### Vatican call

Motor rallying: The Vatican newspaper, Osservatore Romano, yesterday called for the abolition of the Paris to Cape Town rally after the 1992 race claimed the life of a third competitor on Tuesday. Yesterday and today are rest days.

#### Britain held Hockey: Great Britain were

held to a 1-1 draw by Germany in the under-21 four nations' tournament in Lahore yesterday. James Robents scored for Britain: Slalom switch

Skiing: The women's World Cup giant slalom, cancelled at Serre Chevalier in the French Alps on December 22, will now be held at Morzine on January 27.

## Tour success ·

Cricket The England women's team comfortably beat Northern Districts by 99 runs in a limited-overs game in their first tour match at Melville Park in Auckland

FOOTBALL NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Fulhern 3, Oxford Utd 2.
B AND O SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Postponed: Premier division: Motherwell v Aberdeen; Dunismiline v Airdne, First division: Mesdowbent v Morton, Second division: Cowdenbeeth v Arbreath.

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Manor 3, Cove 2, Hampton 1; Epsom and
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Cambarley 1; Leatherhead 1, Ware 3;
Metropolitan Polica 1, Feltham and
Hounstow 2, Petersfield 2, Ruinham 1;
Thama 1, Bitericay 0, Loctite Cup:
Heckin 0, Abingdon Town 3, Windson and
Elon 2, Harlow 3.
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First
division: Everton 3, Rothertam 4;
Marchester City 1, Coventry 0, Second
division: Derby 2, Leicester 1; Huddersfield 0, Notte Courty 2, Otchem 1.
Marsfield 0.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Charlton 2, Wanford 2, Chelsea 4, Swindon 0. HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier divi-sione Bangor City 0, Marine 2. First division: Eastwood Town 2. Guideley 0 Harn 2. Cotwyn Bay 3. Warrington 0. Caamerion 1; Worksop 5. Harrogate 0.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Cliftonville 0, Digitilety 1 IRISH CAWOODS COUNTY ANTRIM SHELD: Semi-finat: Glenevon 2, Pertadosm 1. FA YOUTH CUP: Colchester 1, Brentford 3; Wimbledon 6, Bastiley 0.

# FOR THE RECORD



Sabatini: lost only one game in second round

TENNIS

AUCKLAND, New Zeeland: Open tournament: Men's singles: Second round: A Volkov (CIS) bit Luestie (Mev.), 62, 48, 7.5; J Yzaga (Peru) bit F Clavet (Sp.), 64, 7.6; M Zocke (Ger) bit P Hearthus (Neth), 63, 36, 7.6; M Newe (Ger) bit J Frans (Arg), 62, 63, M Washington (US) bit S Metacoka (Japan), 63, 64, 6. Cherksaov (CIS) bit A Othorskiv (CIS), 62, 62, SYDNEY: New South Wales Open: Men's singles: First round: J Hissek (Switz) bit C-U Steeb (Ger), 63, 63, 58 Cond round: E Sanchez (Sp) bit J Frizgerald (Aus), 84, 64; T Muster (Austra) bit T Woodbridge (Aus), 64, 36, 63, 63, G Forget (Fr) bit J Sánchez (Sp), 62, 64, D Wheeton (US) bit C Caratti (fi), 46, 63, 63, G Forget (Fr) bit J Sánchez (Sp), 62, 64, D Wheeton (US) bit C Delautre (Fr), 64, 63, C Bergstrom (Swe) bit P Kordia (C2), 63, 26, 61. Women's singles: Second round: J Halard (Fr) bit L Sacchenko-Neiland (Lative), 76, 61, K Data (Japan) bit N Provis (Aus), 64, 60, 61, Franciez (US) bit R McCuitten (Aus), 61, 75, A Huber (Ger) bit I Demongeol (Fr), 76, 61, G Sabatini (Ang) bit M Bollegraf (Neth), 60, 61; H Sukova (C2) bit D Graham (US), 75, 64, J Novoina (C2) bit P Fendick (US), 76, 61, J Novoina (C2) bit P Fendick (US), 76, 61, J Novoina (C2) bit P Fendick (US), 76, 61, J Novoina (C2) bit P Fendick (US), 76, 64, J Novoina (C2) bit P Fendick (US), 76, 64, J Novoina (C2) bit P Fendick (US), 76, 64, J Novoina (C2) bit P Fendick (US), 76, 64, J Novoina (C2) bit P

HOCKEY CRYSTAL PALACE INDOOR LEAGUE: East Graslead 3. Old Bordenians 2: Beckenham 5, Blackheath 6. East Graslead was championship.

# BADMINTON TAIPEI: Taiwan Mestars investion championships: Men's singles: First round: A Nielsen (GB) bit Wu Dum Seng (Ta), 15-8, 16-13. D Hall (GB) bit Mi Hoching (Aus), 15-7, 15-8 Second round: Chang Wen Sung (Ta) bi Nielsen, 3-15. 18-16, 15-4, Hall bit Lee Kwang Jin (Kor), 15-5, 15-7 Women's singles: First round: Pomissivan Pauriowach (Thai) bit J Bradbury (GB), 11-12, 11-4, 11-6, 1 Niogendige (GB) bit M Yasuko (Japan), 11-0, 5-11, 11-5 Second round Muggeridge bit D Peiche (Can) 11-8, 2-11, 11-3

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CRICKET AUCKLAND: Women's tour match: England XI 184-7 (60 overs: 5 Metcaile 56 not out); Northern Districts 85 (37.3 overs); England XI won by 99 runs

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RUGBY LEAGUE STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP:

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**FOOTBALL** 

ICE HOCKEY

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Presn, 21-18 21-18, the Chaoph M Syed, 21-18, 21-10, Dang & Presn, 21-19, 19-21, 21-17) China win senes, 6-1 FIXTURES

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Leeds v Nottingham Forest **RUGBY UNION** HOSPITALS CUP: First round: King's College v Chang Cross/Westmaster

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STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP:
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THURSDAY JANUARY 9 1992

Arsenal forward warned about future conduct

# FA fines Wright £1,500 for spitting incident

IAN Wright, the Arsenal and England forward, was yesterday fined £1.500 by the Footbail Association over incidents at Oldham Athletic in November. His teammate. Paul Merson, was fined £500, but the goalkeeper. though he claimed his saliva David Seaman, was cleared by the commission at a disciwas aimed at the floor, while plinary hearing at Highbury. Seaman was alleged to have The action against Arsenal, became involved with the

the League champions, came three days after their season had reached a low point with defeat by Wrexham, of the fourth division, in the FA Cup third round on Saturday.

Wright, who was alleged to have spat at a spectator during the 1-1 draw at Boundary Park, and Seaman had both been charged with improper conduct, while Merson was said to have made a gesture at spectators. Wright and Merson were both warned as to their future conducts at the 100-minute hearing, where the players were represented by Gordon Taylor, the chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association.

The case arose after complaints from local police. The FA decided to have the hearing in private and the the verdicts were announced afterwards from the FA's headquarters by a spokesman. David Bloomfield.

"There is no set scale of punishment." Bloomfield said. "We attempted to arrive at an appropriate sanction which took into account the nature of the reported

Steven are likely to be re-

leased by Marseilles, the

French champions, by the

end of the season. The Mar-

seilles president, Bernard

Tapie, vesterday announced

dramatic plans to re-shape

the French champions, say-

ing he would be "building a

great team, very different

from this season" and admit-

ting Waddle and Steven face

Taple said that so far he

an uncertain future.

said. "They are happy for us to deal with football-related The trouble at Oldham started after Wright scored a issues and sanctions against late equalising goal when he and Merson, who had pleaded guilty, insulting the crowd. Wright was then alleged to have spat at a spectator as the players left the pitch, al-

Of the Arsenal goalkeeper. Bloomfield said: "Seaman's explanation was accepted and no further action was taken against him."

The FA commission was headed by Geoff Thompson. the chairman of the FA's diciplinary committee, and also included Maurice Armstrong, of Huntingdonshire, and Leslie Kew. of Bristol

"We have an excellent rapport with the police over situations like this. Bloomfield



Wright: heavy fine

European player of the year,

Jean-Pierre Papin, but he

added: "As for the others.

Waddle has been a target for

Sheffield Wednesday and

Newcastle United while Ste-

ven is being pursued by Liver-

pool and the Scottish

Papin is already a target for

Internazionale of Milan, al-

though he would prefer a

champions, Rangers.

move to Naples.

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Englishmen to go

CHRIS Waddle and Trevor had agreed to release only the

#### individuals are often more severe than courts would impose. This highlights the responsibility of players to behave when on public display and not just during the 90

minutes of a match. Generally speaking, the behaviour of ofessional footballers is of a high order. These are relatively isolated incidents of misconduct."

However, such incidents do appear to be on the increase. Vinnie Jones, the Cheisea midfield player, was recently fined £1,500 for gestures to the crowd during the game at Arsenal in October, while Arsenai themselves have been in trouble with the FA over the past three seasons, with on-the-pitch brawls against Norwich City and Manhester United

There have been several other recent incidents, including one involving Paul Williams, of Derby County, who was fined £100, warned as to his future conduct and ordered to pay the costs of his hearing after making gestures to supporters at Miliwali on October 26. Two more Derby players — Ted McMinn. who was fined £75, warned and ordered to pay costs and Steve Hayward, who was warned and ordered to pay costs - were punished for comments made to spectators at same match at The

## Howe will work on a shoestring

BY CHRIS MOORE

DON Howe, the new Coventry City manager, will be given little financial backing to ensure the club secures a place in next season's Premier League.

"The job will have to be done on a shoestring," Howe, who was promoted this week from chief coach to succeed Terry Butcher as manager. said. "I would like to bring in a couple of new players, but I'm not sure at the moment how we're going to do it. The chairman has made it clear there is not a lot of money to spend, although he has prom-

ised to do what he can." Explaining why he had declined the club's initial offer to take over as caretaker manager until the end of the season, Howe said: "That wouldn't have been right for the players or myself.

"As it is, 18 months is not realistically long enough to get the club in shape, but if I am going to be working flat out for the rest of this season to get the club in the Premier League. I am not going to would obviously want to carry

Howe's first priority, after taking charge of this weekend's home game against Queen's Park Rangers, the club that dismissed him last season because it was felt that he was "too old" for the job at 56. will be to appoint a new backroom staff, including a

cally yesterday. "One of the most important things is to stop the other side scoring."

Happy dragons: Wales call up three newcomers to face Ireland — Stephens, left, Davies and Copsey

Wales turn to Stephens

None the less, this Wales team, which shows ten survivors from the side chastened World Cup in October, seems picked to play positive rugby since it includes Neil Jenkins last season's championship stand-off half - in the centre and the thrusting Anthony Clement at full back. To accommodate Jenkins.

and also to look after Simon Geoghegan, the aggressive Irish right wing. Mike Hall is moved to the wing where he has played six of his 17 Hall's physique puts him

ahead of the in-form Mark Titley, of Swansea, whose virtues are primarily as an attacker. Gareth Liewellyn, the Neath lock, yesterday linked with a possible move to Swansea, returns to the pack

to partner Copsey.

Stephens, aged 22, is the sixth stand-off used by Wales since 1990, an exchange rate on a par with England's use of scrum halves in the 1960s and 1970s. "He has the basic attributes . . . and is now in a position to build on those," Davies said. "Although there

might be some concern over a youthful inside three (Stephens, Jenkins and Gibbs) we have got to be prepared to look to the future.

The only opportunity the selectors have had to see Jenkins in his new role was in the unofficial trial at the end of last year, when the Pontypridd player offered convincing evidence of his ability to move the ball swiftly. He will also be the first-choice goalkicker, having scored more than 150 points for his club this season, with Stephens as

back-up. Copsey, a quality engineer in Llanelli who celebrates his 27th birthday a week after the international, receives his reward for making himself available to Wales before his club colleague, Rupert Moon,

WALES TEAM

To play iretand, January 18

A Cloment (Swanses), I C Evans (Lanelis, captain, 15 Globs (Swanses), N R Jenkins (Pomypridd), M R Hall (Cardiff); C J Stepheras (Lanelis, R N Jones (Swanses), M Griffitts (Cardiff), G R Jenkins (Swanses), L Delaney (Lianelis, G W Lewis (Lianelis, G C Liewellym (Neath), A H Copsey (Lianelis), R E Webster (Swanses), B Davies (Swanses), B Roy (Cardiff), M Rayer (Cardiff), D Joseph (Swanses), D Pox (Lianelis), M Morris (Neath)

who is the reserve scrum half in a replacements panel comprising two backs and four forwards - so that all specialist areas of the scrum can be covered. Both Copsey and gland's list of developing

players, but Copsey said: Many people in Wales have said how pleased they are we have opted for Weish rugby and the English have respected that decision." He will have the assistance at the lineout of two-club

colleagues; Laurance Del-aney and Emyr Lewis, in an area that will call for flexibility. Lewis is also the tallest of the back row where Stuart Davies, aged 26, is rewarded for his club consistency with the place which might otherwise have been occupied by the injured Phil Davies. Martin Haag has been

called into the England B team to play Spain in Madrid on January 19 as a replacement for the concussed Leicester lock, Martin Johnson. Haag, aged 23, from Bath, was born in Chelmsford and raised in Cornwall. He will be making his first appearance in the B XV.

Scottish choice, page 36

## Olympic emblem to oust red flag

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

OLYMPIC officials will meet in Lausanne on Monday to Union will be represented at the Winter Games at Albert-

ville next month.
Vitaly Smirnov, a spokes man for the Commonwealth of Independent States, who is a vice-president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), is expected to present a. plan for a single team grouping athletes from eight former Soviet republics.

Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Georgia have not yet joined the reformed National Olympic Committee, while the three independent Baltic republics are sending their own teams.
Issues to be discussed at the

meeting, at which Juan Anto-nio Samaranch, the IOC president, will be in the chair, will include what flag and anthem are to be used, and whether competitors will be able to wear emblems of the individual republics.

According to Alexander Kozlowsky, the deputy presi-dent of the former Soviet Olympic Committee, the republics will compete under the name United Team, using the abbreviation EUN, and that about 85 per cent of the competitors will come from Russia. Kozlowsky said that arrangements were worked out a few days ago in Moscow and will be submitted for approval by Smirnov in Lausanne.

The athletes are expected to narch under the five-ringed Olympic flag instead of the banner of the hammer and sickle. If a team member wins a gold medal, the Olympic hymn - Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" - will be played at the

awards ceremony. Plans for the Games in Barcelona this summer will be discussed at a meeting between Smirnov and Samaranch on March 9.

Samaranch, who is to meet Boris Yeltsin in Moscow on January 18, said in Madrid yesterday that the breakaway Yugoslav republics of Croatia and Slovenia were expected to receive international recognition in time for them to compete in Barcelona. .

## Clubs win support over rates

BY JOHN GOODBODY

THE Sports Council yesterday announced that it was backing the demands of many non-profit distributing sports clubs to have charitable status. The council, the government-financed quango, is concerned about the inequalities of discretionary rate relief and sees charitable status as a means of getting more money for grass-roots sport

Charitable status guarantees 80 per cent rate relief, and local authorities are able to add the remaining 20 per cent. At the moment, many local authorities will not give rate relief to sports clubs, although the environment department has recommended that they should do so.

The sports clubs which have sought charitable status have found that there are enormous administrative problems involved, and have decided not to continue the

## Wigan receive cup dispensation

BY DAVID HANDS

ENGLISH rugby union's

drive towards an award for

the export of second-row for-

day when Scotland and

Wales announced their teams

for the first weekend of five

nations' championship

matches on January 18.

when Scotland entertain

England and Wales visit

The Scots, having enjoyed

great service from Damian

Cronin (initially Bath but

now London Scottish) and

Nottingham's Chris Gray.

have now plucked Neil Ed-

wards from Harlequins to

play against six of his club

colleagues. For their part.

Wales named Tony Copsey, born in Romford, as one of

three newcomers in the XV to

Copsey, the biggest man in the team at 6ft 7in and 17st,

is joined by Colin Stephens.

his stand-off half at Llanelli,

and Stuart Davies, the Swan-

sea No. 8 in a side picked for

its ability to perform the ba-

sics, particularly in defence.

"We have to start some-

where," Alan Davies, the

Wales coach, said pragmati-

play in Dublin.

Ireland.

WIGAN rugby league dub will be allowed to change the date of its second round Silk Cut Challenge Cup tie. if it comes through the first round later this month, because it is representing Great Britain in the first rugby league world sevens in Sydney next month. If Wigan beat the winners of the preliminary round tie tonight between Chorley and Salford in the first round. they will be allowed to play

week early, on February 2, to avoid a clash with the sevens tournament, which takes The international board

place from February 7 to 9. wants to make the world sevens as big an attraction in rugby league as its union counterpart, the Hong Kong sevens. The participation of Wigan is regarded as essential, since they have been the outstanding British side for four seasons and have be-Blackpool Gladiators will play in the third division of

ary 21 and 22.

if one of the nations isn't at

the meeting? You can't fix

the Stones Bitter championship next season. The nomadic club, which was formerly Blackpool Borough, Spring-field Borough, Chorley Borough and Trafford Borough. will move from Altrincham football club's Moss Lane ground to the Blackpool arena next season, subject to £50,000 being spent by direc-tors on essential safety work, with further improvements expected in subsequent years.

David Oxley, the chief executive of the Rugby Football League, said this was the last down genuine roots, and a further extension of life had been granted only because it was a return to a former venue rather than an attempt to establish a new ground. Alan Tait, the Widnes in

ternational full back, was yes-terday passed fit to play in the Regal Trophy final against Leeds at Central Park on Saturday. Jonathan Davies will also play after missing the home defeat by Castleford on Sunday because of a virus.

# Albanian silence leaves Republic in limbo



BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

their second round match a

THE build-up to the 1994 football World Cup in the United States continues apace. But while the six countries in group six were able to announce the dates of their qualifying matches yesterday, the Republic of Ireland are not yet certain even how many matches they will

As Fifa. the game's governing body, took the rare step of formally denying reports that it plans to move the finals from the United States to Argentina, the Republic said that they are to ask Fifa to rule on Albania's partici-

dates with a country that you pation. The Irish and their main qualifying group rivals. can't even contact." Denmark. Northern Ireland Albania's final European and Spain, are concerned championship qualifying that the Albanians have failed to confirm they will be

group fixture against Spain, due to have been played in attending a fixture confer-December, was cancelled by ence in Copenhagen on Janu-Uela the European football union, because of the polit-Latvia and Lithuania, the ical situation in the Adriatic other countries in the group. republic. "Things haven't imhave said they will be there, proved there and I believe, at but there has been no word best. Albania will play its from Tirana, the Albanian home games in Greece or capital. "We are in a state of Italy." Connolly said. "But limbo." Sean Connolly, the it's looking more and more as Republic's general secretary, though they are not going to said. "How can you arrange be involved at all." the group three programme

Billy Bingham's future as manager of Northern Ireland, meanwhile, will be decided at a meeting tonight. Bingham has twice taken the team to the World Cup

finals during his 12-year tenure, and the former winger, now aged 60, is likely to have his contract extended by at least 18 months to take in the campaign for the 1994 tournament. "He wants to stay on and, hopefully, there will be agreement tonight," David Bowen, the Irish FA general secretary, said.

The Commonwealth of Independent States also announced yesterday that they will compete in the European championship finals in Sweden in June. Doubts persist.

participation. Lennart Johansson, the president of Uefa, believes Denmark could take Yugoslavia's place.

Johansson was reported as saying yesterday: "I find it very difficult to imagine how Yugoslavia could take part in this competition in the light of the recent bloody events in that country, and the death of five EC monitors. Who will represent Yugoslavia? If it's Serbia, then Croatia will protest, and vice-versa." Denmark would be favourites to replace them in Sweden.

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